

College English Grade 9  
Summer Assignment  
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Summer Reading: House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Read the complete novel and complete the following tasks:

1. A full page reflection on the aspect (literary quality or feature) you found most interesting or compelling throughout the novel. What did Cisneros do as a writer that most fascinated, impressed or intrigued you? Why was this aspect of the novel so effective or important to your reading of the book?
2. Create a Portrait Character List for House on Mango Street... For at least **Five Characters**, use a full page. Each entry should include the following
  - A sketch drawing/drawing portrait of each character as described by Cisneros in the pages of the text
  - A quotation with page numbers that captures the character's purpose, world-view or personality
  - A short statement asserting a claim about the character's role, function, or reason for existing in the story or stated influence on the character
  - A list of two-three personality traits that best define the character

I look forward to meeting you. This assignment will count as a test grade, so be sure to do your best work. This assignment is due at the beginning of the school year. Have a wonderful summer.