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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros is a coming of age novel and part of a series of vignettes. The novel is about a Latin teenager by the name of Esperanza Cordero. Her family buys their first house in a Latin community mixed with Chicanos and Puerto Ricans in Chicago. Esperanza encounters unfortunate situations and begins expressing herself through writing [as a way to escape the difficulties she faces in her neighborhood]. She also experiences many adventures with her sister Nenny and their friends.

- weteachnyc.org

Essential Questions:

- What factors shape our identities?
- Is it possible to be yourself and part of a group—even if you don't identify with parts of that group?
- What are the expectations placed on us by our communities?
- How do we rise above others' expectations in order to live the lives we want to live?
- What challenges do women face in trying to attain hope and the American Dream?
- What role does education play in the American Dream?



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Best wishes - 751M's Curriculum Committee