

## ***The House on Mango Street Autobiography***

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Assignment: You will write 3 of your own vignettes to create a mini autobiography of your own life. Your vignettes will be compiled into a little book and must include the following:

- An original cover
- Titles for every vignette
- A dedication page
- A table of contents
- A reflection page

Length: Each vignette should get a separate page (do not put two vignettes on the same page). There will be a cover page, a dedication page, a table of contents, a reflection page, plus the vignettes themselves, so the entire project should be at least 7 pages long. Each vignette should be at a minimum a six or eight sentence paragraph, and must be at least 100 words long. If the vignette is any shorter, I will consider it incomplete. The vignettes can be in any order that you want as long as you reflect that order in the Table of Contents.

Grading: I will be grading you on your vignettes and how well they are written. Make sure that they are the proper length, are titled, and are free of careless grammatical errors. I will be grading you on the effort you put into your final autobiography. I will also be grading the honesty of your reflections. Remember, this is a reflection of you.

## ***The House on Mango Street* Autobiography Rubric**

Sandra Cisneros tells her readers that she decided to write her novel, *The House on Mango Street*, because “you will always be Mango Street. You can’t erase what you know. You can’t forget who you are.” The purpose of this project is to create your own book which will help you remember what you know, as well as show others who you are.

Your book must have the following items;

- An Original Cover (10 points)
- Title/Title Page (5 points)
- Dedication (5 points)
- Table of Contents (5 points)
- Reflections (5 points *each*)
- 3 Chapters (see below) (20 points each)

**Total Possible: 100 points**

**Note: You will NOT receive ANY POINTS AT ALL for any book that is turned in that has less than 2 completed chapters/reflections.**

Your chapters must be chosen from the following subjects:

- Your Name
- Your Neighborhood
- Games or Favorite Toys from your Childhood
- A Time You Got Into Trouble
- A Time You Saw Someone Else Get Into Trouble
- Advice from an Adult
- A Positive Story from Your Experiences at School
- A Negative Story from Your Experiences at School
- A Special Family Member
- A Special Friend
- A Happy Experience (general)
- Going to Work
- A Special Holiday
- A Special Birthday
- The Big Game
- A Birth
- Life in eastern Massachusetts
- 1 Additional Chapter on Anything You Wish

**Chapter Length:** A Chapter under 100 words will be considered underdeveloped and will not receive the full 10 points per chapter. Likewise, an underdeveloped reflection will also not receive full credit.

The chapters can be in any order you choose as long as it follows your Table of Contents. The project is worth 100 points and should reflect a great deal of effort. While we will spend considerable time in class on this project, you should also expect to do much of it at home.