

## My name by sandra cisneros theme

In "My Name" from The House On Mango Street, by Sandra Cisneros a young Esperanza explains the history and meaning of her name. As she explains the origin, she describes her harsh outlook. She states her name means "sadness" and calls it a "muddy color". says that she has no intention of having the same fate. At the end of the chapter, Esperanza states that she wants to change her name to "a name more like the real me, the one that nobody sees". As a young latina girl, Esperanza states that she wants to change her name to "a name more like the real me, the one that nobody sees". As a young latina girl, Esperanza states that she wants to change her name to "a name more like the real me, the one that nobody sees". As a young latina girl, Esperanza states that she wants to change her name to "a name more like the real me, the one that nobody sees". As a young latina girl, Esperanza states that she wants to change her name to "a name more like the real me, the one that nobody sees". 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Caoimhe has the same issue as Esperanza when it comes to the pronunciation of her name, she views the situation much differently. reflects her better. Caoimhe also chose to take her Uncle's name "to reflect the great influence he had had on my life" (Stafford 2). This is unlike Esperanza who did not have the choice to be named after a relative. At the end of the essay Caoimhe writes, My name is representative of me- it is unusual and needs to be deeply examined to be truly understood. There are explanations and stories attached to each of my names, making them interesting and full of meaning. (Stafford 2) Again, unlike Esperanza, Caoimhe has learned to embrace her heritage. She sees her unique name as "a great foundation for conversation" (Stafford 1). By being open and willing to talk about her origin, she is able to have a more positive outlook on her situation, while Esperanza wants to break free of her family roots and create herself from scratch. — -- Reading these two pieces were fairly interesting to me. I had read "The House on Mango Street" when I was a freshman in high school, so reading an excerpt from the book now that I'm a freshman in college gave me a sense of the past. I like knowing that every person in the world has a different story to tell, and sometimes the story is attached to a name. Esperanza from, "The House on Mango Street" and Caoimhe Stafford both have names that are meaningful to their heritage. Both of their names are so fascinating to me: Esperanza is a strong Latino name that roots her to her family's past, while Caoimhe understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands that her own name is unusual and "needs to be deeply examined to be truly understands" (Stafford). 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I really enjoyed one of the first activities we did in class when we had to write about our names and then read our papers out loud to everyone. It was so intimate, and I still remember each person's story. It made me sad to read that Esperanza didn't like her name. Her name has such powerful meaning of who she is as a person that her wanting to abandon it is like her wanting to abandon her heritage. I am jealous of unique names like Esperanza and Caoimhe. Although my name is uncommon, it is still associated with the famous (or infamous) Kendall Jenner. As an International Studies major, I think it is important for people to embrace their heritage. Caoimhe knows this because she understands the story attached to her name. Names are a big part of who each person is, it's how we first identify with each other. No one should feel uncomfortable with who they are. In order to continue enjoying our site, we ask that you confirm your identify as a human. Thank you very much for your cooperation. Themes are the fundamental and often universal ideas explored in a literary work. Throughout The House on Mango Street, particularly in "No Speak English," those who are not able to communicate effectively (or at all) are relegated to the bottom levels of society. Mamacita moves to the country to be with her husband, and she becomes a prisoner of her apartment because she does not speak English. She misses home and listens to the Spanish radio station, and she is distraught when her baby begins learning English words. His new language excludes her. Similarly, Esperanza's father could not even choose what he ate when he first moved to the country, because he did not know the words for any of the foods but ham and eggs. Esperanza's mother may be a native English speaker, but her letter to the nuns at Esperanza's school is unconvincing to them in part because it is poorly written. manipulate language will give her power. She wants to change her name so that she can have power over her own destiny. Her Aunt Lupe tells her to keep writing because it will keep her free, and Esperanza eventually understands what her aunt means. Writing keeps Esperanza eventually free, because it will keep her free, and Esperanza eventually understands what her aunt means. power over them. If she can use beautiful language to write about a terrible experience, then the experience seems less awful. Esperanza's spiritual freedom may eventually give her the power to be literally free as well. The Struggle for Self-Definition The struggle for self-definition is a common theme in a coming-of-age novel, or bildungsroman, and in The House on Mango Street, Esperanza's struggle to define herself underscores her every action and encounter. Esperanza must define herself both as a woman and as an artist, and her perception of her identity changes over the course of the novel. In the beginning of the novel. In the beginning of the novel esperanza must define herself both as a woman and as an artist, and her perception of her identity changes over the course of the novel. on her own terms, instead of accepting a name that expresses her family heritage. She wants to separate herself from her parents and her younger sister in order to create her own life, and changing her name seems to her an important step in that direction. Later, after she becomes more sexually aware, Esperanza would like to be "beautiful and cruel" so men will like her but not hurt her, and she pursues that goal by becoming friends with Sally. After she is assaulted, she doesn't want to define herself as "beautiful and cruel" anymore, and she is, once again, unsure of who she is. Eventually, Esperanza decides she does not need to set herself apart from the others in her neighborhood or her family heritage by changing her name, and she stops forcing herself to develop sexually, which she isn't fully ready for. She accepts her place in her community and decides that the most important way she can define herself is as a writer. As a writer, she observes and interacts with the world in a way that sets her apart from non-writers, giving her the legitimate new identity she's been searching for. Writing promises to help her leave Mango Street emotionally, and possibly physically as well. Sexuality vs. Autonomy In The House on Mango Street, Esperanza's goals are clear: she wants to escape her neighborhood and live in a house of her own. These ambitions are always in her mind, but as she begins to mature, the desire for men appears in her thoughts as well. At first, the desire to escape and the marriages that bind them, she begins to doubt that she can pursue both. Most of the women Esperanza meets are either trapped in marriages that keep them on Mango Street or tied down by their children. Esperanza decides she does not want to be like these women, but her dire observations of married life do not erase her sexual yearnings for neighborhood boys. Esperanza decides she'll combine sexuality with autonomy by being "beautiful and cruel" like Sally and the women in movies. However, Esperanza finds out that being "beautiful and cruel" is impossible in her male-dominated society when she experiences sexual assault. In her dreams about being with Sire, Esperanza is always in control, but in her encounter with the boys who assault her, she has no power whatsoever. The assault makes Esperanza realize that achieving true independence won't be possible if she pursues relationships with the men in her neighborhood. She puts aside her newfound sexual awareness, rejoins Lucy and Rachel, her less sexually mature friends, and spends her time concentrating on writing instead of on boys. She chooses, for the present, autonomy over sexuality, which gives her the best chance of escape. Women's Unfulfilled Responsibilities to Each Other Early in the novel, Esperanza feels women in every stage of life. Since the women's world is often isolating and grants women so little power, Esperanza feels women have a responsibility to protect and make life easier for each other. However, on Mango Street, this responsibility goes unfulfilled. The boys and men in The House on Mango Street, this responsibility goes unfulfilled. The boys and men in The House on Mango Street are consistently violent, exploitative, or absent, but their world is so foreign to the women that no woman rebels against the men or calls for them to change. Esperanza may call out for women to help each other in the face of the unchanging male world, but no one answers. Esperanza accepts more responsibility for women as she matures, and as she does, she confronts other women's indifference more directly. At first Esperanza is responsibility for women as she matures, and as she does, she confronts other women's indifference more directly. she befriends Sally. Esperanza tries to save Sally from having to kiss a group of boys in "The Monkey Garden." However, when Esperanza tries to enlist one of the boys' mothers to help her, the mother refuses. Later, Sally abandons Esperanza tries to enlist one of the boys' mothers to help her, the mother refuses. Later, Sally abandons Esperanza and leaves her vulnerable to male attackers in "Red Clowns." Esperanza expects female friends to protect each other, and Sally does not fulfill this responsibility. Ultimately, Esperanza understands that even if and when she leaves Mango Street, she will continue to take responsibility for the women in her neighborhood. She feels the responsibility deeply and will not forget it.

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