



***The House on Mango Street* Group Work #3 through the end of the book**

1. What is so magical about the “Monkey Garden” (notice it’s called that even after monkey leaves – now think about the title of this book...). How old do the kids imagine the garden to be? What happens to Esperanza at the garden – what does she learn? How does the end of “Hips” – with the “double-dutch” game prepare us for what happens in this chapter? Think about how she feels about the games the kids are playing vs the games Sally is starting to play. Does she belong to either world? Explain with at least one quote.

1b. What other garden (from literature) is this off? Before you answer – again consider what happens to Esperanza at the garden, etc. Be specific in your answer. By the way, encounter monkeys again in *Candide*.

2. Why does Esperanza go with Sally to the Carnival? How does a (specifically) echo other themes in this novel, in her (our lives)? we associate with Carnivals? Atmosphere? Think back on this get to the Carnival in *Candide* (2 books away) Why does she think has let her down? How about the rest of society (in general and in throughout the book and this chapter in particular – take a look at Explain the nature of ties. Want a hard one. Try explaining the clowns laughing their thick-tongue laugh.” Be specific (address word) in your answer to this one. Can you tie that and more with this chapter to the “Monkey Garden” chapter? Be specific.



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3. How is Sally’s house fundamentally different from the house that Esperanza is trying to get for herself? It seems to be “nice,” and to have all those creature comforts she wished for.... Take a look at page 108 before you finalize your answer. What two chapters gave us a hint that Sally’s “house” might turn out this way?

3b. How does what happens with Sally in her marriage like what Esperanza experiences with regard to her dream of the perfect house (see your answer above and notes & chart from class).

4. The three sisters tell Esperanza that her “wish” will come true – What do you think that she (Esperanza) imagines that to wish to be? What do they tell her about coming back? Now, what does this have to do with 4 trees? Ah, yes – you must think and you must use at least 2 quotes in answering this question.

5. Look at your answer to question 3 – now look again at the bottom of page 108 – her house will be as quiet as what? as clean as what? What did her aunt tell her? What did the 3 sisters tell her? What did the fortune teller tell her? What is Esperanza’s House (ok, look at the picture – how does she come back for those who cannot leave so easily). And isn’t the whole thing way cool? Be specific in your answer using 3 quotes.

Next book: *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss (due Wednesday Sept. 24 – The book after that will be *Candide* Books – translated by John Butt. You must have this. Order it now or pick it up with *The History of Love*!

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