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“Marin”

1) In "Marin," the focus is on her character, personality, and her eyes. Why does Esperanza admire Marin?

“Those Who Don’t”

1) In "Those Who Don't," Esperanza claims that her neighborhood is frightening to some people. Why?

2) What does Esperanza say about the people who are afraid of her neighborhood?

3) Does Esperanza fear her neighbors? Yes or no?

4) If yes, why is she afraid? If no, why is she not afraid of her neighbors?

“There Was an Old Woman”

1) In "There Was an Old Woman..." who is the woman in the story?

2) How does Esperanza describe the woman in the story?

3) What do you think is Esperanza's attitude or feeling about the woman?

4) Describe the woman's children.

- 5) Does anyone other than the mother of these kids care about them? Yes or no? If yes, who and why? If no, why?
- 6) In "Alicia Who Sees Mice," do you think the mice really exist? Write about that part of the story that convinces you that the mice do or do not exist.
- 7) What happened to Alicia's mother and what did Alicia inherit?

“Darius and the Clouds”

- 1) In "Darius and the Clouds," Esperanza writes, "you can never have too much sky." In your own words, write about Esperanza's impression of the sky.
- 2) How does Esperanza describe Darius?
- 3) Darius said something wise. What did he say?
- 4) In "And Some More," Rachel says, "...clouds got at least ten different names." How does Darius's heavenly view of the clouds differ from Rachel's earthly view of the clouds?