

The House on Mango Street Final Project

You are making your own version of a novel, similar to “The House on Mango Street.”

1. Journal entries: Choose 4-5 topics/categories from the worksheet “It’s All About Me”. ALSO choose 4-5 memorable events from your life to write about (an interesting/weird day, a party, a family gathering, a school day, a sad day, something that scared you, etc). You should have 8-10 journal entries when you are finished.

- Each journal must be written or typed on its own sheet of paper. Do not use lined paper-it must be plain white computer paper.
- Give each journal entry a title (similar to the stories in the novel).
- Each journal must focus on ONE DAY!
- All journals must be at least 3 paragraphs. Feel free to write more when appropriate.
- You must have a good introduction, your body must have details, and you must have a conclusion for each journal.
- If hand written, be sure each journal is neat and in blue or black ink only (any mistakes must be neatly “whited” out—no cross outs!). If typed, be sure it has one inch margins, and is at least 12 pt. font. If you do not have access to a computer or a printer, you can make arrangements with me to type or print it before or after school in the writing lab.
- Make sure everything is spelled correctly. Each misspelled word will receive a deduction of 5 points.

2. The “It’s All About Me” pages must also be in pen (blue or black), no cross outs, no misspellings.

When you are finished with everything, put together the 8-10 journals along with the handouts, “It’s All About Me.” Journals are first; handouts are next.

Place all the papers in a folded sheet of large construction paper (I will provide).

- Design the front cover of your “book” with an illustration, title, and your name as the author.
- On the back of the book, summarize your story and write several comments from “professional” sources praising your book.

“Bind” your book together.

Your book will be grade on the following criteria:

Front Cover with your Title, author’s name, some kind of illustration	10 pts
8-10 journals with titles and 3 or more paragraphs each	10 pts each (80-100 points max)
Back Cover with “professional” reviews	10 pts
Typed with one inch margins	10 pts
Book neatly/creatively bound	5 pts
Cross-outs or misspelled words, written in pencil	-5 points for each mistake

This book will count as 3 grades. You can earn a maximum of 135 points x 3 grades. This final book will be due right after Thanksgiving. That gives you 4 weeks to complete it. Don’t wait till the last minute!!!

"It's All About Me"

Full Name

Where I'm From:

My ethnic group:

On a scale of 1 to 10 rate the importance of your ethnicity: _____

Best Physical feature

Worst Physical feature

Personality:

Best personality Trait

Worst personality trait



Family:



What I love about home:

List your immediate family members

List extended family members who are important to you:

My Parents' Most Frequent Advice:

What drives my parents crazy:



My Friends

Who are they?

What we do together:

How long we've known each other: _____

What makes us friends:

"My Favorites"



Movie(s):



Songs/Artists:



Cartoon/show:



Video games:



Expression:



Clothes:



Time Wasters:



Food/snacks:



Fast foods:



Hangouts:



Sports/teams:



Dream cars:



Actor:



Subjects:



Teacher(s):

School's Memorable Events



Elementary School:

What was best about elementary school:

What was worst about elementary school:



Middle School:

What was best about middle school:

What was worst about middle school:



9th grade:

What was best about 9th grade:

What was worst about 9th grade:

What's Next???

By my senior year I would like to:

After high school I plan on:

In 10 years I can see myself:

My top 5 life goals

What I want to be known for in my life:
