Study Guide for *The House on Mango Street*

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“House on Mango Street”

1. How is the house on Mango Street different from the family’s previous houses?
2. Why is Esperanza disappointed by the family’s new house?

“Hairs”

1. Who are the members of Esperanza’s family?

“Boys and Girls”

1. Why does Esperanza say that boys and girls live in separate worlds?
2. At the end of the chapter, she describes herself as “a balloon tied to an anchor”. What does Esperanza mean by that?

“My name”

1. What does the story about Esperanza’s great-grandmother tell you about the status of women in Mexican society?
2. Why does Esperanza want a new name?