

House on Mango Street Study Guide “Alicia Who Sees Mice” Pages 31-32

Directions: For the past couple of weeks we have practiced our analytical skills by selecting quotes from *House on Mango Street* and determining the meaning of those quotes. Today, we will read the following stories out loud, but then you will complete the charts and questions on your own. Today’s handout will count as a 25 point reading quiz.

1. Fill in the chart below to figure out how the narrator feels about Alicia and what these details imply about Alicia’s life? (2 points)

How the narrator describes Alicia	What these details reveal about Alicia’s life
“Inherited her mana’s rolling pin and sleepiness” (31)	
“young and smart and studies for the first time at the university” (31)	

“Darius & the Clouds” Pages 33-34

2. Fill in the chart below to figure out what the narrator means by the “sky” metaphor. (8 points)

How the narrator describes sky/clouds	What these descriptions make you think of/how they make you feel

“A Rice Sandwich” Pages 43-45

3. Why is Esperanza crying in the canteen? Find a quote and explain how the quote proves your claim. (6 points)

Why is she crying? (1- sentence answer)	Quote to prove your claim (use quotation marks & page #)	Meaning of selected quote (how it proves your claim)

“Chanclas” Pages 46-48

4. What does Esperanza learn in this story? How does she change/grow? (6 points)

How Esperanza’s shoes are described (select the best descriptions for analysis)	What these descriptions make you think of/how they make you feel

5. Despite her shoes, how does Esperanza feel by the end of the dance? Provide a direct quote and explain it to support your claim. (3 points)