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Contains masters for:

- 1 Prereading Activity
 - 1 Study Guide
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 - 1 Final Test
- PLUS** Detailed Answer Key

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“Beautiful & Cruel” (pages 88–89)

1. What does Esperanza want for herself?
2. What is she fighting?

“A Smart Cookie” (pages 90–91)

1. Why does Esperanza’s mother speak of herself as a smart cookie in the past tense?
2. What does Esperanza’s mother know? What doesn’t she know? Why are the two lists different?
3. Why does Esperanza’s mother bring up shame?

“What Sally Said” (pages 92–93)

1. What is the main topic of this chapter?
2. What does it mean to “break up her pants”?

“The Monkey Garden” (pages 94–98)

1. How does the garden change when the monkey moves?
2. How do Sally and Esperanza change?
3. Why has the garden lost its special appeal?

“Red Clown” (pages 99–100)

1. What happens between Sally and Esperanza?
2. Describe the assault in this chapter.

“Linoleum Roses” (pages 101–102)

1. What is Sally’s fate?
2. Why does she marry the marsmallow salesman?

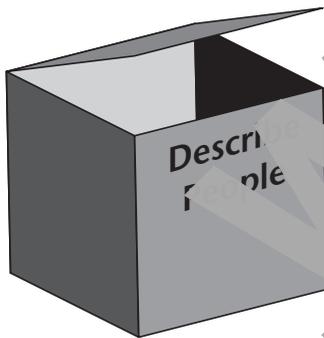
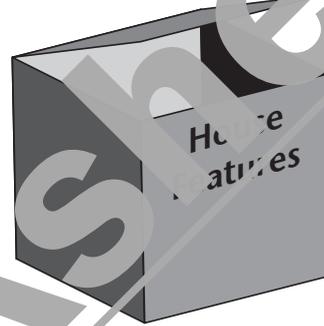
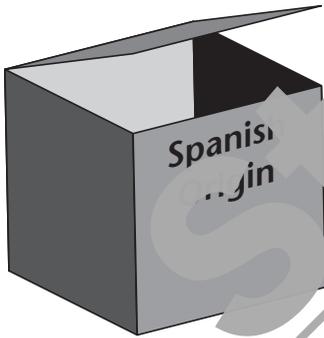
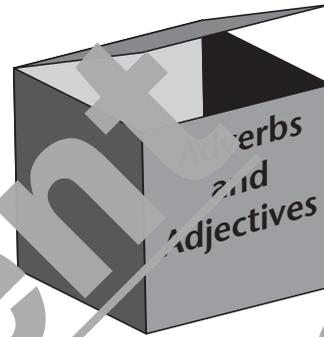
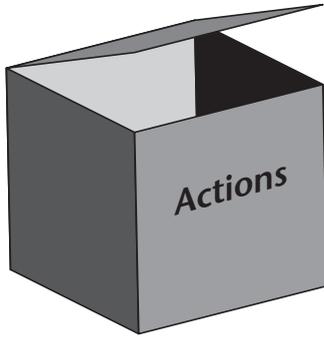
“The Three Sisters” (pages 103–105)

1. Where does Esperanza meet the three sisters?
2. Why do they predict her future? What is the prediction?

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Vocabulary Sorting

Directions: Box vocabulary words into categories. For each box, suggest 3-5 words from the book which would fit each category.



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Quote	Means...	My Reaction...
"the garden began to take over itself" (page 95)		
"I waited my whole life." (page 100)		
"She likes looking at the walls" (page 102)		
"They smiled and waved in their smoky way." (page 105)		
"you are Mango Street" (page 107)		
"house quiet as snow" (page 105)		
"the house I belong but do not belong to" (page 110)		

Student Worksheets

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Esperanza's Emotions

Directions: As Esperanza chronicles her neighborhood and life, she experiences various emotions. Look for examples of guilt, wonder, curiosity, and surprise.

