***Read with a Purpose:***

*This is an excerpt from the novella “The House on Mango Street” by Sandra Cisneros. The narrator, Esperanza has just moved into a new house on Mango Street. In this chapter, she has a conversation with her upstairs neighbor, who is in the process of moving out of the neighborhood.*

*As you read, think about the challenges that may have caused Esperanza to move to Mango Street and the challenge she might face living there.*

**ANNOTATE:**

* Identify examples of direct AND indirect characterization and write notes about your impressions of the characters in the margins.
* Underline any similes you find and make notes about what the author is trying to say literally with each.
* Identify any unknown words. Write down a guess for what the word means based on context clues.

**AFTER READING**

**Inference Questions:** *Answer these in complete sentences on your own paper. Cite evidence from the text to support your response.*

1. Who might Alicia be? How do you know?
2. What do you think Cathy means when she says that she is going to move away because, “the neighborhood is getting bad”?
3. What do you think Esperanza means in the last sentence when she refers to, “people like us”?

**Challenge Questions:** *Answer these in complete sentences on your own paper. Cite evidence from the text to support your response.*

1. How are the narrator and Cathy different?
2. What types of challenges do you think the narrator has faced in the past or will face in her new neighborhood?

**Extension Question:**

1. Rewrite the third paragraph using appropriate punctuation to frame the dialogue.