Essay # 1
Guidelines

I. Format:

- 1-1 1/2 pages; typed and double-spaced; 12-14 Times New Roman font; 1" margins; your name; instructor's name; course title date (consult MLA style Handbook or on-line manual);
- minimum of two direct quotations from Cisneros' "The House on Mango Street" and two specific examples from Coppola's "My Family" to illustrate/support/debate your thesis. Quotations from the articles discussed in class are appropriate. Because you have not seen the film yet, you may add examples from "My Family" to your revised Essay #1.
- Due date: Tuesday, September 16 (first draft) bring to class.
- Revised Essay #1 is due on Friday, September 26, by 4:00 p.m. in my mailbox.

II. Theme(s):

First, we will discuss the readings in class, then we will choose the question for your first essay. What follows is a tentative list which will be finalized in class today.

- Cultural Identity Within the Latino Family (e.g., tradition; values--importance of family; cultural heritage; language, etc);
- Growing up Chicano in the US;
- The role of Style in The House on Mango Street;
- If you prefer to write on a topic not listed above, please focus on class readings and/or the themes discussed in class. Be sure to use examples and direct quotations.

III. Structure:

- Introductory paragraph
- Underline your thesis statement
- Body of the paper: series of CONNECTED paragraphs (evidence to prove your thesis in the form of specific examples from the text/film)
- Concluding paragraph

IV. Academic Behavior Code Statement:
Please include the complete Academic Behavior Code statement with your signature: "I pledge that I have fulfilled the requirements of the Academic Behavior Code in this work."

V. Help getting started: Be sure to discuss your thesis statement with our writing assistant Nik Pandoursky. See Nik during her official hours at the Writing Center, or contact her via e-mail or phone. Check out Blackboard/Resources for useful writing tips. Also, see the Writing Center's Home Page and Trexler Library's links.

VI. Revised Essay #1 is due Friday, September 26 in Dr. Iskold's mailbox (Ett. 104) by 4:00 p.m.