

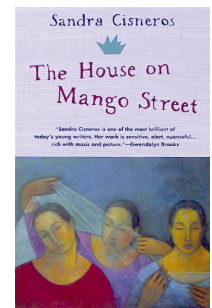


GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET

A GS NORCAL COUNCIL'S OWN PATCH PROGRAM

BROWNIES, JUNIORS, CADETTES, SENIORS & AMBASSADORS
TO CELEBRATE *THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET*, ENCOURAGE
GIRLS & ADULTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HISPANIC CULTURE
AND ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF LITERACY.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Sandra Cisneros, the author of *The House On Mango Street*, has written that the stories and vignettes all add up, "to tell one big story, each story contributing to the whole — like beads in a necklace." It is a book about Mexican-American culture as seen through the eyes of her heroine, Esperanza.

To celebrate this remarkable book, the Sonoma County Public Library Foundation is encouraging kids and adults in Sonoma County to read it. Girl Scouts of Northern California is coordinating with this effort to encourage girls to read this book, learn more about Hispanic cultures and participate in a project that encourages literacy. Girls who complete the activities will earn a *The House On Mango Street* Patch. The patch is the cover of the book, which Random House publishing graciously allowed us to use.

PLEASE NOTE

Parents and Leaders — Please be aware that there are some sensitive issues in this book. It is recommended that you read the book first, before referring it to girls.

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE PATCH PROGRAM:

1. Complete the mandatory activities and choose activities from the optional lists below as noted.
2. Complete these activities by yourself or with the help of a friend. Activities may only count one time (you cannot count an activity twice even though you may have done it more than once). Use this form as a worksheet. Some of the activities require you to write down answers — write them on this paper. For the activities where no space is provided, use your own paper.
3. Next to each activity that you have completed, have an adult initial that you have done this activity.
4. Completed worksheets and additional papers do NOT need to be turned in to receive the patch program.
5. Enjoy and have fun!

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES FOR BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS

1. Read Chapters 1, 2 and 3.
2. Discuss each chapter with an adult.
 - ❖ What was Esperanza's last home like?
 - ❖ Did she like her new house? Why or why not?
 - ❖ What is your hair like? Does everyone in your family have the same kind of hair? Do people from different races have different kinds of hair?
 - ❖ Who named you and why did they select that name? Are there any passed down names in your family?
3. Draw a picture of Esperanza's house on Mango Street .
4. Complete one of the cultural activities (see list).

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES FOR JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

1. Read all of the chapters from the beginning through *Darius and the Clouds*.

List your three favorite chapters:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. Learn about Sandra Cisneros. You can go to websites or to your local library for more information about Cisneros.

- ❖ Where and when was Sandra Cisneros born? _____
- ❖ What are some of her other books? _____
- ❖ Three other facts about Sandra Cisneros: _____

3. Complete 1 Optional Activity, 1 Cultural Activity and 1 Service Project (see lists below).

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REQUIRED ACTIVITIES FOR CADETTE, SENIOR & AMBASSADOR GIRL SCOUTS

1. Read the entire book.

List your three favorite chapters:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List your three least favorite chapters:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. Complete #2 from the Required Activities for Juniors.

3. Complete 2 Optional Activities, 1 Cultural Activity and 1 Service Project (see lists below).

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Organize a book discussion with your troop or another group of girls.
2. Make bookmarks that depict *The House On Mango Street* and give them away to promote literacy.
3. Attend an event sponsored by your local library.
4. Act out one or more of the chapters for others.
5. Go to a “meet the author” event or special reading event at a bookstore.
6. Participate in an activity on the Girl Talk portion of the Girl Scout website.

<http://www.gogirlsonly.org/girltalk/>

1. Explore the Spanish web pages on the GSUSA website: www.girlscouts.org
2. Find out about three other Hispanic authors.

Name

Famous Work

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

- _____
- _____
- _____

9. Imagine that you have emigrated to this country from Mexico. Write a short story (150 – 200 words) about your first home in the United States. Attach the story to this form.

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10. Find out about literacy levels around the world. Go to the following website: www.literacy.org. Click on the Literacy and Statistics link, then the "Literacy Statistics" link, then on the Basic Statistics link, then on the Compare Countries link. Compare literacy rates of four other countries with those of the United States. Which countries did you choose? What were the literacy rates in those countries? Were you surprised by any of the information you found at this website?

11. Why is it important to know how to read? _____

12. Read to a younger child at least three times. What did you read? To whom did you read? _____

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

1. Play a game from a Latin American country. You can look in the Junior Girl Scout Handbook for some ideas
2. Make a piñata.
3. Make maracas.
4. Have a Cinco de Mayo party.
5. Shop at an Hispanic grocery store.
6. Read articles in *La Voz* or another bilingual newspaper.
7. Watch a television show in Spanish.
8. Listen to a Spanish radio station.
9. Go to a Mexican restaurant and order something that you've never tried before.

What did you do? _____

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SERVICE PROJECTS

1. Read select chapters of *The House on Mango Street* to younger children. Lead a discussion about what you read.
2. Host a book swap.
3. Make a donation to a local library or school.
4. Make an audio tape of the book.
5. Collect books for an organization that promotes reading such as:
 - ❖ Reach Out and Read program (young children)
 - ❖ Valley of the Moon Children's home (older children)
 - ❖ Friends of the Library (adult books)

What did you do? _____

COMPLETED

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____ PARENT OR LEADER'S INITIALS: _____

ORDER INFORMATION

To order *The House on Mango Street* Patch please visit www.girlscoutsnorcal.org and purchase the items online. Please note that shipping and handling will be added to all online orders.

Members of Girl Scouts of Northern California will not be charged for shipping and handling if they use the GS NorCal Council's Own Order Form and have badges shipped to the closest GS NorCal store in their area for members to pick up.

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