**Subject area/course**: English/Language Arts

**Grade level/band**: 9-10

**Task source**: New Hampshire Task Bank

**Esperanza/Anne Frank Literary Analysis**

**STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **Task context**:

Using Sandra Cisnero’s *The House on Mango Street* and Anne Frank’s *The Diary of a Young Girl,* write a literary essay that compares and contrasts the characters Esperanza and Anne Frank. The goal of your paper is to use evidence from the text to answer at least one of the following questions:

1. What can the experiences of characters in books tell us about their historical context?
2. Why is it important to compare and contrast characters from different texts?
3. How are the challenges that Anne Frank and Esperanza faced similar or different to some of the challenges you face in your life today?
4. **Final product**:

A literary analysis essay that meetings the following requirements:

* Includes direct citations from the texts.
* No longer than 3 pages double-spaced, 1 in. margins, 12pt. font.
* Cite your sources using a standard citation method as directed by your teacher (e.g. MLA, APA) and include a Works Cited/reference page.
* The reader is familiar with both texts and therefore a summary of the plot is not necessary.
* Please use appropriate academic language.

**Additional Information**

1. **Knowledge and skills you will need to demonstrate on this task:**

* The ability to analyze and critique texts or topics and support claims and reasoning with sufficient evidence for intended purpose and audience.
* The ability to comprehend, analyze, and critique a variety of increasingly complex print and non-print literary texts.
* The ability to use various media to interpret, question, and express knowledge, information, ideas, feelings, and reasoning to create mutual understanding.
* How to analyze characters from text.
* How to compare and contrast characters.
* How to use conventions of language to convey meaning.
* How to take evidence from text to support analysis.
* How to make conclusions based on supporting detail.
* Cite evidence from text correctly.
* Support claims with sufficient evidence.

1. **Materials needed:**

You will need a copy of each of the books – Sandra Cisnero’s *The House on Mango Street* and Anne Frank’s *The Diary of a Young Girl.*

1. **Time requirements:**

You will have approximately 2 weeks to complete this task. Work on this task independently. However, your teacher will build in checkpoints for peer and teacher feedback.

1. **Scoring:**

Your work will be scored using the QPA Common Literary Analysis Rubric. You should make sure you are familiar with the language that describes the expectations for proficient performance.