

"Hairs" Modeling Assignment

Writing Situation: In the vignette "Hairs," Sandra Cisneros reveals a lot about the narrator's family, especially her mother, through a discussion of one physical trait: hair. Her first paragraph describes the hair of the narrator's father and the hair of her siblings, using those descriptions to give the reader insight into each of their personalities. Cisneros also reveals the narrator's feelings towards her mother in the passage, using a variety of stylistic devices to achieve this effect. Think about the people in your own family, the characteristics you share with them and those which make them (and you) distinctive. Decide which physical trait you would like to write about. Is the trait one you share with your family or yours alone? How might you present your piece Cisneros did with metaphors, similes, personification, alliteration, repetition and sensory details?

Writing Directions: Using "Hairs" as a model, write a vignette about your own life that discusses an important physical trait and how it reveals something about the person who possesses it *and* your relationship to him/her. You may choose to discuss a trait that all of you share, or one that makes a particular family member—or you—stand out from the others because it is different.. You must incorporate **at least four stylistic devices** in your vignette.