

RUNNING BY NATALIA SYLVESTER // BILINGUAL & BICULTURAL CHOICE BOARD

FOR GRADES 7-12

MARI'S PAPI IS LATINO, BUT HE IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE-PASSING (PG 73).

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT VOTERS' OPINIONS OF HIM?

MARI IS CUBAN AMERICAN. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A BICULTURAL IDENTITY.

FOLLOW THIS LINK ([NY TIMES](#)) TO SEE HOW PEOPLE DESCRIBE THEIR EXPERIENCES AS BICULTURAL AMERICANS.

HAVING MULTIPLE CULTURAL IDENTITIES GIVES YOU A WONDERFULLY UNIQUE LENS OF THE WORLD!

LET'S HONOR THAT! USE [THIS TEMPLATE](#) TO WRITE A "WHERE I'M FROM" POEM.

SEARCH ONLINE FOR THE DEFINITION OF "RESPECTABILITY POLITICS". WHY IS IT OFTEN CRITIQUED?

WHERE IN THE STORY DO YOU SEE EXAMPLES OF "RESPECTABILITY POLITICS" AND HOW DOES IT MAKE MARI FEEL?

*HINT: CHAPTER 6

THE POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS OF TEXAS ARE CHANGING SO FAST!

TAKE A LOOK AT THE [CENSUS](#) WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF OUR STATE.

ASIAN AMERICANS ARE FREQUENTLY LABELED AS THE "MODEL MINORITY".

CLICK HERE ([PBS AUSTIN](#)) TO HEAR ASIAN AMERICANS EXPLAIN WHY THIS STEREOTYPE IS BOTH HARMFUL AND FALSE!

SOME PEOPLE CALL THE UNITED STATES A "MELTING POT" OF DIVERSE CULTURES WHILE OTHERS SAY IT IS MORE LIKE A "SALAD BOWL". CREATE YOUR OWN FOOD METAPHOR THAT DESCRIBES THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THIS COUNTRY!

FUN FACT:

THE UNITED STATES' FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE!

MARI SPEAKS 2 LANGUAGES:

1. _____
2. _____

WHAT LANGUAGES DO YOU SPEAK? HOW DOES THIS HELP YOU NAVIGATE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS AND THE WORLD?

DID YOU KNOW THAT ABOUT 40% OF TEXAN FAMILIES SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME?

READ THIS SHORT STORY ("[MAGIC CARPET](#)") TO SEE HOW ONE INDIAN AMERICAN GIRL VIEWS HER BILINGUAL IDENTITY.