**Passage 2:** From: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros, “Mango Says Goodbye Sometimes”

　　I like to tell stories. I tell them inside my head. I tell them after the mailman says, Here's your mail. Here's your mail he said.

　　I make a story for my life, for each step my brown shoe takes. I say, "And so she trudged up the wooden stairs, her sad brown shoes taking her to the house she never liked."

　　I like to tell stories. I am going to tell you a story about a girl who didn't want to belong.

　　We didn't always live on Mango Street. Before that we lived on Loomis on the third floor, and before that we lived on Keeler. Before Keeler it was Paulina, but what I remember most is Mango Street, sad red house, the house I belong but do not belong to.

　　I put it down on paper and then the ghost does not ache so much. I write it down and Mango says goodbye sometimes. She does not hold me with both arms. She sets me free.

　　One day I will pack my bags of books and paper. One day I will say goodbye to Mango. I am too

　　Friends and neighbors will say, What happened to that Esperanza? Where did she go with all those books and paper? Why did she march so far away?

　　They will not know I have gone away to come back. For the ones I left behind. For the ones who strong for her to keep me here forever. One day I will go away.cannot get out.

**Passage 3:** There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered---[**Nelson Mandela**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/n/nelson_mandela.html)

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**Directions:** Write two paragraphs explaining the theme of people leaving home to start new lives for themselves. Think about our class discussions and refer to all three passages in your response.