

Writer's Notebook #4 - “My Name” or “Laughter”

“My Name”

Prompt: Esperanza discusses her name and what it means to her, literally and figuratively. Where did your name come from? Why did your parents choose to name you this? Does it have family significance? What does your name mean to you? To Esperanza, her name meant hope and a link to her heritage. If you could, would you change your name? If yes, what would you change it to? Why? What similes and metaphors can you use to describe your name? (“As beautiful as a pearl”)

OR

“Laughter”

Prompt: What member of your family do you most strongly resemble? With what member of your family do you share the most personality traits? Do you, like Esperanza, feel a strong connection with your family's heritage? Why or why not?