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## The House on Mango Street

6. Analyze how identity can be shaped by where a person lives. Support your response with reference to the text "The House on Mango Street."

5 marks

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One's identity can be heavily influenced and molded by where the person lives. Should you grow up under certain circumstances, it is inevitable that this affects who you are. In the short story, "The House on Mango Street" the narrator mentions their experience moving a lot. Before moving to Mango Street, the narrators family had a negative experience with their old house. "We had to leave the flat on Poomis quick. The water pipes broke and the landlords wouldn't fix them because the house was too old. We had to leave fast." This caused the search for a house, but I believe the narrator had their hopes set too high. They display mild disappointment, "I knew then I had to have a house. A real house. One I could point to. But this isn't it. The house on Mango Street isn't it." These experiences are important as they obviously affect someones goals for the future. Growing up hopping from one shabby place to the other has fueled the narrators grand idea of owning a real, and nice, house.

Conclude Day 1: Preview the Connecting Ideas on page 25.