

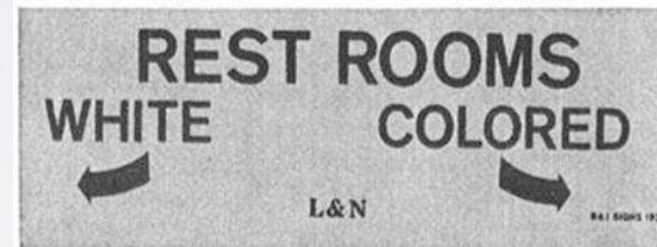
DO NOW

PLEASE RESEARCH THE WORD CHICANO. WHERE DID IT COME FROM? WHAT DID IT ORIGINALLY MEAN? WHAT DID IT DEVELOP INTO? WHO WOULD USE IT?

WHAT DOES THE TERM LA RAZA MEAN?

ARTICLE: "CHICANO"
HUFFINGTON POST

WHAT WAS THE CHICANO MOVEMENT ABOUT? WHAT WAS AN IMPORTANT EVENT?



HOW HAS THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT HAVE INFLUENCED THIS TEXT?

- Chicano is a term that became popular for 1960's for Mexican-american civil rights.
- La raza comes from La Raza Cosmico the cosmic race that started in the 20's and 30's. By Jose V. Because Mexico was a mixture of all these different races that are mixed into Mexican blood that they represent a cosmic race - was to create pride
- Chicano fist had a bad connotation, but after the civil rights movement it was a way to represent where they are coming from. It connects to the indigenous culture they are coming from.
- Chicano came from work Mechico - translation from the native language. It is sort of a reclaiming of indigenous identity that had at that point been white washed. Reclaiming that part of your identity was import.
- The term Chicano was first used by wealthy Mexican-Americans against Mexican-Americans with lower social class as an insult. (Ex: turn the term; queer; pachuco)
- Hispanic is a term to capture all Spanish speaking brown people. It was annoying to Chicanos because it included a catch all term that included Spaniard who conquered the America's.

HOW HAS HISTORY OF INDIGENOUS/ MECHICAN/CHICANO PEOPLES BUILT INTO BMU?

- There are certain key switches in words that are on purpose. They put hispanic on people to oppress them, likewise the way Ton. is combined with La Virgin. Antonio is fighting back against. Chicano use the movement to fight back against gov.
- I always assume that they were Mexicans living in New Mexico. I can no longer put them in their shoes. I feel like I don't know what is going on in my own mind
- BMU all the characters are very different. Similar to missionaries the church sets beliefs and traditions. The town goes with the Euro traits and Narciso and Jason do not fit into these Euro traits and pushed out.
- Mechicano was about looking at how we were oppressed in the past, but some of us do not know what race we are. Like antonio does not know if he is Marez, conquistadores, the lunas are the ones who have stayed there. Like the missionaries that moved from land to land.
- Past people embraced the virgin and even the town embraces. When Antonio has conflict with the church he is really having a conflict with his history. He is really questioning if he is embracing his colonized background or not.

READ THE LAST FOUR PAGES WITH THE
INTENSION OF GETTING INSIGHTS ON
THE THEME AND PURPOSE

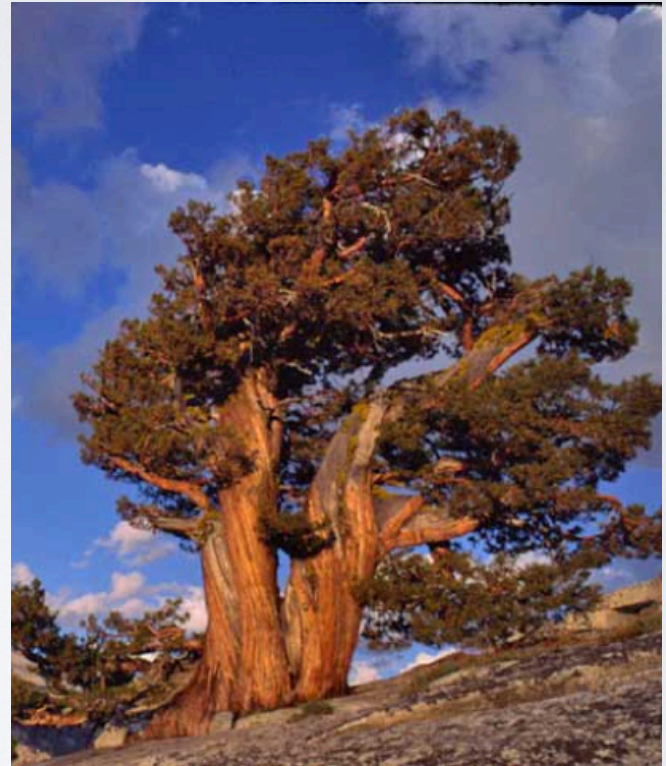
LAST PAGES

“NOW, TAKE THE OWL,
GO WEST INTO THE
HILLS UNTIL YOU FIND A
FORKED JUNIPER TREE,
THERE BURY THE OWL.
GO QUICKLY—”

WHY FORKED?
WHY JUNIPER?

“I DROPPED TO MY
KNEES”

“BLESS ME, ULTIMA—”



TITLE

- Bless Me, Ultima is an allusion to something that has to do with religion. What is the allusion to?
- BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED. IT HAS BEEN _____ (weeks, months, etc.) SINCE MY LAST CONFESSION. MY SINS ARE....(Now, please confess sins.)

TITLE

- What argument might Anaya be making by taking out “Father”? What argument might Anaya be making by replacing father with “Ultima” ?

TITLE

- Usually after identifying who you are confessing to the next statement is “For I have sinned” why has then been removed from the title? Why and what is its meaning?
- Usually this statement is used to ask for penance, what is penance and is that what Antonio is asking for?
- There is no period, it does not end, why does the title not end?

DO NOW

YOUR GOAL FOR HW WAS
TO COME UP WITH A
THEME AND PURPOSE.

PLEASE FIND SOMEONE
AND SHARE WITH THEM
SOMETHING THAT STOOD
OUT TO YOU FROM OUR
CLASS DISCUSSION.

THEN TAKE THAT OUT
YOUR THEME AND
PURPOSE AND SHARE IT
WITH THEM.

**“I believe that every writer
needs a guide, because writing
is an exploration, and the
exploration is not only for me,
it’s for the reader.”**

Rudolfo Anaya

TITLE

- **How is the title different from the text on pg. 260.**

LAST PAGES

Bless me, Ultima—

Punctuation	
Ellipses	a trailing off; equally etc.; going off into a dreamlike state
Dash	interruption of a thought; an interjection of a thought into another
Semicolon	parallel ideas; equal ideas; a piling up of detail
Colon	a list; a definition or explanation; a result
Italics	for emphasis
Capitalization	for emphasis
Exclamation Point	for emphasis; for emotion

Bless me, Ultima

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE

WHAT IS THE THEME

- T: Structures have rules, but one does not need to follow structure to fulfill rules.
- P: Break through groups that mask who we are
- T: One should question how things and why they are that way
- P: We must understand where we come from and challenge the things that are placed against us
- T: Different ways of life
- P: Look at those different ways of life and find a way that works for you
- T: It is possible to reconcile many identities and beliefs and so not necessary to stick to one path
- P: To make readers think critically so that they can decide what they want to consider themselves and how they want to live.
- T: There is more than one way to do something and the outcome is the same but the journey is not
- T: You do not have to conform to one expectation of yourself
- P: Always realize there are more paths offered to you to do things