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Sample HOMS Descriptive Details Page

Descriptive Detail	Indirect Characterization
"In English, my name means hope." (10)	Hopeful
"In Spanish, it means too many letters." (10)	<i>Feels burdened by her name and her culture. Feels disconnected from identity at times</i>
"It means sadness, it means waiting." (10)	<i>She feels patience and pain at times</i>
"It is a muddy color." (10)	<i>Uncertain, conflicted</i>
"It is the Mexican records my father plays on Sunday mornings when he is shaving, songs like sobbing." (10)	<i>Feels a connection to cultural heritage, but this also brings feelings of sadness</i>
"It was my great-grandmother's name, and now it is mine." (10)	<i>Feels a connection to family</i>
"Esperanza. I have inherited her name, but I don't want to inherit her place by the window." (10)	<i>Wants a different future than other women in her family</i>
"At school, they say my name funny as if the syllables were made out of tin and hurt the roof of your mouth." (11)	<i>Feels uncomfortable and embarrassed at school, and is sensitive to how others treat her</i>
"But in Spanish my name is made out of a softer something, like silver, not quite as thick as sister's name Magdalena—which is uglier than mine." (11)	<i>Values cultural identity, sees beauty in her language</i>
"I would like to baptize myself under a new name, a name more like the real me, the one nobody sees. Esperanza as Lisandra or Maritza or Zeze the X. Yes. Something like Zeze the X will do." (11)	<i>Wants independence and control over her identity</i>