| **Week 5** | | | |
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| **Name of the Story** | **Mrs. Sen’s** | **Themes** | Exile, Cultural difference, Adjustment in new life, affection to the roots. |
| **Useful/interesting Quotes** | “Here, in this place where Mr. Senhas brought me, I cannot sometimes sleep in  so much silence.”  “You must miss her. When I think of you, only a boy,separated from your mother  for so much of the day, I am ashamed.”  “I must wear the powder every day” | | |
| **Course Content Focus:** | **Write a summary of the story within 150 words. Make sure to use APA in-text citation and attributive tags appropriately.**  *[Note: You can use the Summary Checklist from the handouts provided for this week]*  *Larrihi(1999) in her story “Mrs. Sen’s” demonstrated the experience and situation in the life of Mrs Sen who was an immigrant detached from her roots trying to cope up with a whole new culture. She showed us the life of Mrs Sen through the eyes of a little boy named Elliot of whom Mrs Sen used to take care of since his parents were busy at work. Even when she was living in a different culture she still had not adapted it rather maintained the essences of her roots around her. Lahiri also showed that she missed her family and everything about her past life and it hurt her even more when her family had a wrong interpretation of her life. She was shown by the author to be expressing her feelings to Elliot who also in a different way felt lonely and detached from his family even after getting to see his mother everyday. Even after trying so hard when she couldn't cope up with her loneliness and frustration it burst into a car accident which led Elliot to stop from seeing her.* | | |
| **Choose any one of the following extracts** (taken from the story) **and paraphrase it. Remember to follow the APA in-text citation rules appropriately.**  *[Note: You can use the Paraphrase Checklist from the handouts provided for this week]*  *Extract 1:* Eliot didn't mind going to Mrs. Sen's after school. By September the tiny beach house where he and his mother lived year-round was already cold; Eliot and his mother had to bring a portable heater along whenever they moved from one room to another, and to seal the windows with plastic sheets and a hairdryer. The beach was barren and dull to play on alone; the only neighbors who stayed on past Labor Day, a young married couple, had no children. Mrs. Sen's apartment was warm, sometimes too warm; the radiators continuously hissed like a pressure cooker.  **Paraphrase:**  Lahihi(1999) shows how after school, Eliot didn't mind going to Mrs. Sen's. She also mentioned that Eliot and his mother had to lug a portable heater with them whenever they moved from one room to another, and they had to shut the windows with plastic sheets and a hairdryer by September since the tiny beach cottage where they lived year-round was already freezing.Moreover The beach was desolate and boring to play on alone; the only neighbors who stayed until Labor Day, a young married couple with no children, were the only ones who did. Mrs. Sen's flat was hot, perhaps too hot; the radiators hissed like a pressure cooker all the time. | | |
| **Reference:**  Lahiri, J. (1999). *Mrs. Sen’s Interpreter of Maladies*. Houghton Mifflin. | | |