Interview with a Second Generation Female Mexican Immigrant

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Life in chapters

Early family immigrant history
Childhood experience as illegal immigrant
Amnesty Law
Childhood experiences were limited
Rebellious as teenager
Translating and caring for parents
Joining a neighborhood gang
Begins to succeed in school
Goes to magnet school photography program
Strained relationship with father
Teachers encourage her to go to college
Applying for college
Parents resist college
Moves out of parent’s house
Pays for her own college
Identifies with white college students
Creates college project on father’s alcoholism
Show fellow student’s her work
Accepted into professor’s family
Professor encourages her to go to graduate school
Accepted at North Texas
Embraces her immigration identity in artwork
Struggles to photograph Mexican women
Begins anthropology minor
Learns more about her own culture
Finally photographs women in best dresses and kitchen
Decides to teach
Dating in college
Meeting husband
Trip to Italy
Marriage
Reconciling two cultural styles of Marriage
Parent’s application for amnesty
Making her first A grade
Being told she could go to college
Presenting her family photos in a college class
Embracing her culture
Identity crisis in different crowds
Embarrassed by having to translate for parents
Did family based art work to be different
Teachers encouragement helped her show her artwork
Chose Texas A&M at Commerce for photography
Parent’s cultural beliefs as barrier to college
Father gradually accepts college
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