**Mi Familia Analysis**

**Assignment Description**

For this assignment, we are going to watch the feature film *My Family/Mi Familia* and analyze it in light of what we have learned about Mexican families historically and more contemporary demographic trends.

After viewing the film, write an essay that answers the following question: **To what extent does the fictional Sánchez family saga reflect the actual historical changes and social issues that we have read about and discussed so far this semester?**

To answer this question, you might consider the following questions:

- **Who are the members of the Sánchez family?** What are the characteristics of each family member, and what struggles does he or she confront?
- **Where does the Sánchez family live?** What social and economic trends impact them, and why?
- **To what extent do family members choose to acculturate?**
- **Is the Sánchez family united in their struggles?** What divisions exist in the family, and why?
- **Would you say that the film overly simplifies the issues that Mexican families face, or perhaps even portrays Mexicans stereotypically?** Why or why not?

Please note: In this essay, I am looking for your insights into the film—not plot summary! Also, you do not have to answer all the questions above (in fact, please don’t); just use them as a guide for taking notes.

In your analysis, you must strengthen your observations by drawing upon what you’ve learned from our course texts and discussions. Grading will be based on the following: (1) depth and quality of your analysis; (2) engagement with course readings; and (3) strength of your writing (i.e. style and grammar).

**Technical Guidelines**

- Due date: Monday, October 5
- 4 pages in length (a minimum of 850 words)
- 10% of overall grade
- Your work must be
  - Formatted with 1” margins all around
  - Double-spaced
  - Printed in 12-point Times New Roman
  - Numbered on all pages
  - Stapled before you turn it in
  - Spell-checked, carefully edited and proof-read
  - Follow MLA formatting
  - Include a Works Cited page