

# “Daughter of Invention” by Julia Alvarez

## Summer Reading Project Substitute

You will be reading the short story “Daughter of Invention” by Julia Alvarez. In order to receive full-credit for this assignment, you must complete all parts in full. For Part One assignments, you may write your answers on paper and staple them together. For Part Two, it must be typed.

### **Part One**

#### ***Pre-Reading 1a ~ 25 points***

1. Research the gender roles of men and women in the Dominican Republic on the internet. How do the men act? What are men expected to do? How do the women act? What are women expected to do?
  - a. *Your response should be at least two full paragraphs, one for the men and one for the women.*

#### ***Pre-Reading 1b ~ 10 points***

Define the following vocabulary terms:

*Note: You should be using a dictionary or the internet to define these terms. Indicate where you found the definitions.*

- 1) Generation Gap
- 2) Inhospitable
- 3) Misnomer
- 4) Plagiarized
- 5) Disclaimer
- 6) Noncommittal
- 7) Insubordinate

### ***During Reading ~ 30 points***

Select 5 quotes from the story While you're reading. For each quote you select, answer the following:

1. What is going on in the text at the time of the quote you chose?
2. How is this quote meaningful to the text? For example, how does it give you insight into the character or the character's family? Or how is it important to what you've read so far?

*Note: When you choose a quote, remember to include the page number where the quote can be found in parentheses. For example: "She always invented at night" (pg. 86).*

### ***Post-Reading 1a ~ 25 points***

Create a response to the short story that can fill an entire page. It can be a piece of art (drawing/graphic), a poem, a song, etc. If you are writing an original piece of work (song/rap/etc.) you must write the lyrics on the page.

### ***Post-Reading 1b ~ 10 points***

Write a  $\frac{3}{4}$  page-1 page reflection about what you took away from the book. What did it teach you or how did you connect to it? What did it teach you about Dominican Republic culture? Was the story different or similar to your own family?

## **Part 2**

Select one of the choices and compose a personal essay in response. Your writing must be a typed, well-developed and organized piece of writing which demonstrates your command of the English language. It should be 500 words minimum.

- In what ways has your life up until now been the perfect teacher for you?
- Discuss a mistake you made and how it has helped you grow.
- How do you want to improve yourself both academically and personally over the next year?
- Who are you and who/what do you hope to become?
- What does your education mean to you?