

1. What is the significance of learning Spanish for Barrientos? Why is this so important to her?

People want to belong to groups and feel integrated into society. Barrientos was taught that North American culture and language was better, so she moved away from Latino culture. When she grew up, she realized that she was part of this culture, and that speaking Spanish would connect her with her background. That's why speaking Spanish became one of her goals.

2. Amy Tan defines her self as a writer in the beginning stages of her essay, *Mother Tongue*. How does she go on to define what she means by this? In addition, Tan writes about the different “Englishes” that she speaks. What categories does Tan divide English into?

Tan described herself as “I am someone who has always loved language”, she is fascinated by the language on her life. Because of her passion, she realized that she speak different “Englishes”, “Englishes” is the word that she create to describe the variation of her speech with different audiences and different situations. The title "mother tongue" has two meanings, the language it self and the language that her mother speaks and she divided English into the following categories: simple, broken, watered down and perfect, correlating them with the way her mother speaks.

\*Extra Credit: Why does Felsenfeld use the phrase “rebel music”?

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