

# Immigrant Experience Pt.1 Latino



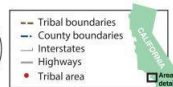
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# Land Acknowledgement

“CSUN recognizes and acknowledges the Sesevitam, the first people of this ancestral and unceded territory of Sesevenga — which is now occupied by our institution,” Harrison said. “It honors their elders, past and present, and the Sesevitam descendants, who are citizens of the Fernandeño Tatabiam Band of Mission Indians. We recognize that the Sesevitam are still here, and we are committed to lifting up their stories, culture and community.”



## Fernandeño Tatabiam Band of Mission Indians Historical Tribal Territory



Tribal boundary depicted is based on registered tribal citizens' ancestral villages. Due to kinship networks and social exchange, this hard boundary does not include all of the abundant locations associated with Tatabiam cultural resources and ancestry. Therefore, the overlap yellow boundary accommodates the natural mobility of ancestral and contemporary Tatabiam people, which are also known to be well associated with the tribe and sensitive cultural resources.

All projects breaking soil within the tribal boundary are subject to Tatabiam jurisdiction, whereas any projects occurring within the yellow boundary may be subject to further analysis by other surrounding Tribal Governments.

# Ancestor Acknowledgement



- “There is beauty in our roots. Sometimes we think our roots are shameful, and people tell you that you're no good or your ancestors are no good or that you come from a neighborhood of no hope and terrible crime. But it's about the beauty of those places, and I carry that with me.”
- [Luis Alberto Urrea](#)

# CORE VALUES

## My Name Is Santiago

**I am Dominican.  
I live in Detroit.  
I am Latino.**

### After yesterday's game

my body aches,  
all of it.  
"Playing is important,"  
my father says with pride  
whenever we win a baseball game.  
"But studying is more important,"  
he will immediately add.  
"You don't want to break your back  
every day, like I do.  
You want to use your head,  
*tener un trabajo decente*,  
have a decent job, my son."  
And he goes on to tell me  
how many great things  
I can do in life.  
He thinks I do not listen.

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because I keep to myself.  
I know who Trujillo was,  
the horrors that took place  
and all the misery  
Abuelo went through  
in that island they  
call La República—  
a place where they suffered so much  
but can't forget.  
I haven't told him yet.  
I do have a secret dream.  
Here under the shower,  
as I let the hot water soften up my muscles,

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## Discussion Questions

What Literary devices  
do you see in the poem  
and how does it affect  
the overall message  
that the narrator is  
trying to say?  
How does Santiago  
define the immigrant  
experience with his  
poem?

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzhobpM-mKw>  


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## tejanos / why did so many hispanics vote for trump?

Tío, su casa tiene  
escalones faltantes.  
Pero en vez de cambiarlos,  
ha cambiado sí mismo.  
Toma pasos largos,  
forma músculo, sabe bootstrapear.  
Forja carácter ¿y por qué?  
¿Para sobrevivir?  
¿Porque la vida sin amor  
no es la vida?

No soy su enemigo.  
Vengo con mis  
martillos y medidas,  
y debe pensar que condeno  
todo lo suyo--  
pero no.

Simplemente le quiero.  
Simplemente pienso  
en la noche. Pienso en usted,  
dando un paso en la noche,  
en la oscuridad.  
El momento en que espera  
algo sólido,  
pero recibe  
el vapor.

When people say  
they don't like Mexicans,  
they don't mean *me*.  
Immigrants have changed  
since I came here; now  
they're illegal. Handout hagglers.  
Now they have no desire  
to better themselves--  
that's what people mean.  
Not me.

You kids are skinned so thin  
these days--  
martyrs and measurers,  
bellyaching battle-drums  
with all your words  
for spelling anger.

I simply look at what's there:  
Jobs or no jobs.  
Neighbors at church.  
The rig bones  
of a home built solid.  
The ladder of opportunity  
rising to heaven  
rung  
by rung.

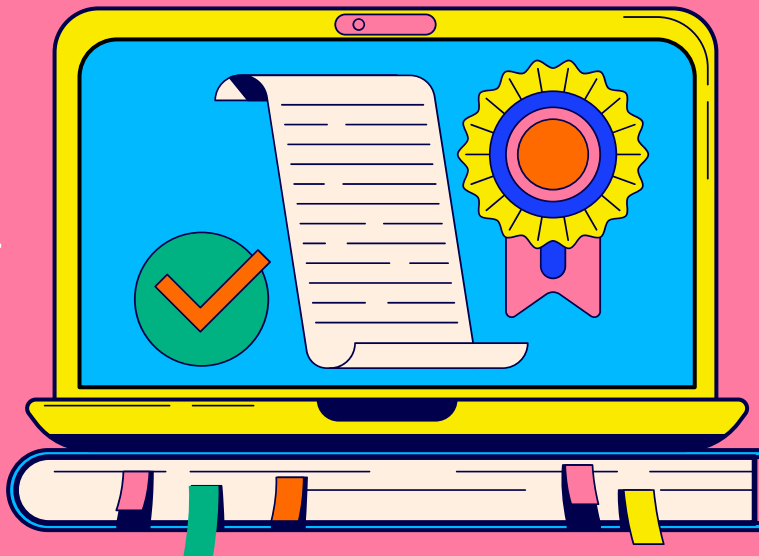


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# Presentations





# Conclusion

Latin Immigrants face mass amounts of oppression that is founded on ignorance and prejudice. What do you think is the best plan of action to stop the racism towards latino immigrants?

