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**Date: 12-12-13**

What is the cultural self-identity Julia Alvarez has embraced at the conclusion of her essay?

* Support your claims with valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence from text, including direct quotes and page numbers
* Discuss each piece of text evidence found with your group to develop an explanation as to how it supports your claim
* Compose an argument that is one page in length

**Claim: Julia Alvarez is bicultural.**

**Collecting Evidence Graphic Organizer**

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| **Page #** | **Evidence**  **Quote or Paraphrase** | | **Elaboration / explanation of how this evidence supports ideas or argument** |
| 38 | “I, her namesake, was know as Hoo-lee-tah at home, but at school I was Judy or Judith, and once an English teacher mistook me for Juliet.” | | Julia is getting used to 2 cultures- her American one at school, and the Dominican one at home. She has known the Dominican one all her life and is still getting used to the American one. |
| 40-41 | “My initial desire to be known by my correct Dominican name faded. I just wanted to be Judy and merge with the Sallys and Janes in my class. But, inevitably, my accent and coloring gave me away.” | | Julia tried to hide her Dominican culture, and tried to melt into America. She was embarrassed to show her true culture and was feeling left out. |
| 41 | “ ‘So where are you from Judy?’ ‘New York,’ I told all of my classmates. After all, I had been born blocks away at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital.” | | Julia is embarrassed about being from the Dominican Republic, and tries to blend in with the others. |
| 42 | “Back home, my tios and tias and primas, Mami and Papi, and mis hermanas had a party for me with sancocho and a store bought pudin, inscribed with Happy Graduation, Julie.” | | Julias Dominican side came out when she was with her family. She felt less ashamed about her culture when she was with her family because she fit in with them. |
| 40 | Mami and some new mothers were cooing over their new baby sons and daughters and exchanging names and weights and delivery stories. My mother was embarrassed among the Sallys and the Janes and Georges and Johns to reveal the rich, noisy name of *Mauricia*, so when her turn came to brag, she gave her baby's name Maureen. | | It is not just Julia who is embarrassed to reveal her true culture, but her mother too. Her mother chose an Irish name instead of a Spanish name, and no one pronounced this name correctly. |
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