

**SPANISH 2215F: ENCOUNTERING  
HISPANIC CULTURES I**

## Grade distribution

First written assignment	20%
Oral presentation	10 %
Quiz	15%
Final essay	30%
Annotated bibliography	15%
Participation and progress	10%

## Texts (required)

Carmen Aguirre, *The Refugee Hotel*, Vancouver: Talon Books (2015)

All other texts will be available on line

## Texts (background)

M. Ratcliffe, *An Introduction to Spanish Civilization and Literature* (background reading only) online

## 4 Assignments: Annotated bibliographies, written assignment, oral presentation and final essay:

Each student may choose a topic from the list of possibilities posted on the class web site for the combined four (4) research pieces. An alternative topic that reflects personal choice is encouraged **BUT** please check with the instructor before beginning your work.

### a) the annotated bibliography:

- Find at least 7 entries of scholarly books or articles (at least 2 of them in Spanish).
- Write brief abstracts of the information found in each of the texts that explain why the texts are likely to be useful to the written assignments and the oral presentation.
- Each abstract must be preceded by the source's bibliographical information that must include author's name, text's title, city where published, publisher, date of publication, etc. (follow the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7<sup>th</sup> edition available at Weldon). (**Due on 12 Oct.**)

### b) the first written assignment:

- Three pages, double spaced.

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**c) the oral presentation**

Each student will present the results of all the research to the rest of class. Presentation will be between 5 and 10 minutes depending on class size. **Oral presentations in Spanish will take place in the last classes of the term.**

**d) the final essay**

- Based on the research skills acquired through the