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Writing Assignment Five: Pssst... Research Analysis

For Wednesday, April 23, read the play Pssst... I Have Something To Tell You, Mi Amour by Ana Castillo (2005). Write a 1-2 page research analysis of the events of the play. Using the play as a starting point, research the historical and political events that led to the possibility of the events of the play. How did the social circumstances that allowed the events of the play come to pass? What were the major events that led to this social and political context? How are gender, race, class, location, age, or ability implicated in the events of the play?

Your analysis should be 'written,' that is, you should frame specific arguments in English with an attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Be creative, but be sure to ground your invention in the reality of the play, its time period, and the character information provided by the playwright. Your paper need only be two-pages long, so you probably will only have time to take on a few important incidents or character traits in your analysis. Be particular, and offer examples or evidence **supported by Castillo's play** to underscore your arguments.

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