### 4.6 How does Gloria Estefan express the nostalgia for Cuba that many Cuban-Americans feel?

*Mi Tierra: “Tradición”* [https://youtu.be/MxayzzfQ4Q0](https://youtu.be/MxayzzfQ4Q0)  
Listen to the lyrics of “Tradición”

How does Estefan pay tribute to her Cuban roots in “Tradición”?

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What traditions does she refer to in this song?

How does tradition carry on?

In which parts of the song do you hear the call and response of African tradition?

Do you hear call and response vocally, with instruments or both? What is her message?

*Mi Tierra: “Montuno”* [https://youtu.be/7JpxNfPlmhc](https://youtu.be/7JpxNfPlmhc)

How does the music make you feel?

What images come to mind when you hear the lyrics?

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<td>What does the song tell the listener about Cuba? About the geography? Nature?</td>
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**Mi Tierra**: “Mi Tierra” [http://vevo.ly/Vj8aiv](http://vevo.ly/Vj8aiv)

What is Estefan’ message in “Mi Tierra”? Why do you think she wrote this?

Is “Mi Tierra” nostalgic or political? Explain your answer.

List adjectives that describe how the lyrics make you feel?

List optimistic words/ images

List negative words/images

What instruments do you hear?

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Discussion questions: How have the rhythms and lyrics helped you understand why people love the island and why Cuban-Americans feel nostalgic about Cuba? How do the lyrics and music appeal to the senses?

React to the words and images in the following video: *Andy Garcia – I feel Cuba* [https://youtu.be/LDAmBl5JvJA](https://youtu.be/LDAmBl5JvJA)

What adjectives describe his tone?

Compare the style of his homage to Cuba to Gloria Estefan’s style.