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Summary of, “It’s Hard Enough Being Me” by Anna Lisa Raya.

 Understanding who you are as an individual is far more crucial than understanding who you are to everyone else is basically what the essay, “It’s Hard Enough Being Me” by Anna Lisa Raya, is portraying. As a Latina, Raya faced the difficulty of having to search for her identity since her split heritage of Mexican and Puerto Rican says she’s a, “Latina”, but her inability to speak Spanish and her life in the US contradicts her. Upon entering College, she begins to see that the people treat her different from everyone else because of her ethnicity and the stereotypical society that exists. Yet, her parents justify themselves for not teaching her Spanish so she may grow to be a better person and have a life where she wont be discriminated like they were. As she progressed in her life, she met Hispanic writers like herself that made her realize what the meaning of being yourself is. Overall, her inability to fit into society blinded her from the fact she needed to be her own person, one that makes her truly happy, instead of trying to please the standards of society.