# 6th grade ELA Unit: ESPERANZA RISING

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STUDENT BOOKLET

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# **ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS**

How do our experiences cause us to change and grow?

How can we effectively bring about change when faced with injustice in society?

What separates or segregates people from one another? What brings them together?

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### Esperanza Rising Anticipation Guide

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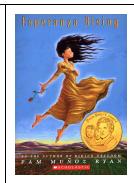
Answer the following according to what you honestly feel is true; this is based on your beliefs and will not be graded as right or wrong.

Statement	Agree? Disagree?	Explain in 2-3 sentences why you feel this way.
People's lives don't change very much when they move to a different country.		
He who falls today may rise tomorrow.		
The rich person is richer when he becomes poor, than the poor person when he becomes rich.		
It is difficult for rich people and poor people to develop good friendships.		
Home is where the heart is.		
Everyone has a right to be successful.		
Events in the world can affect how we live our lives.		
Deportation is alright in certain circumstances.		
I am old enough to have a job to support my family.		
It's ok to treat someone differently if they are different from you.		
The rights of workers are often in conflict with the need of employers to make money.		

Digital survey can be accessed using Kahoot:

# **GALLERY WALK** - Respond to each image or quote by recording:

- Any connections you can make to information you already know
- ☐ What you observe
- Anything you may be able to figure out by studying the image or quote
- ☐ Any questions you may have
- ☐ Any predictions you have about the novel







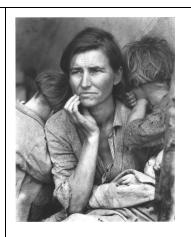
















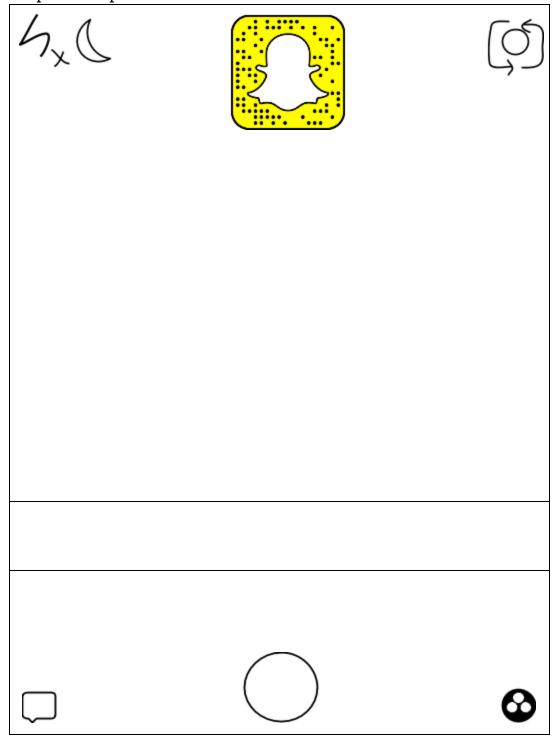




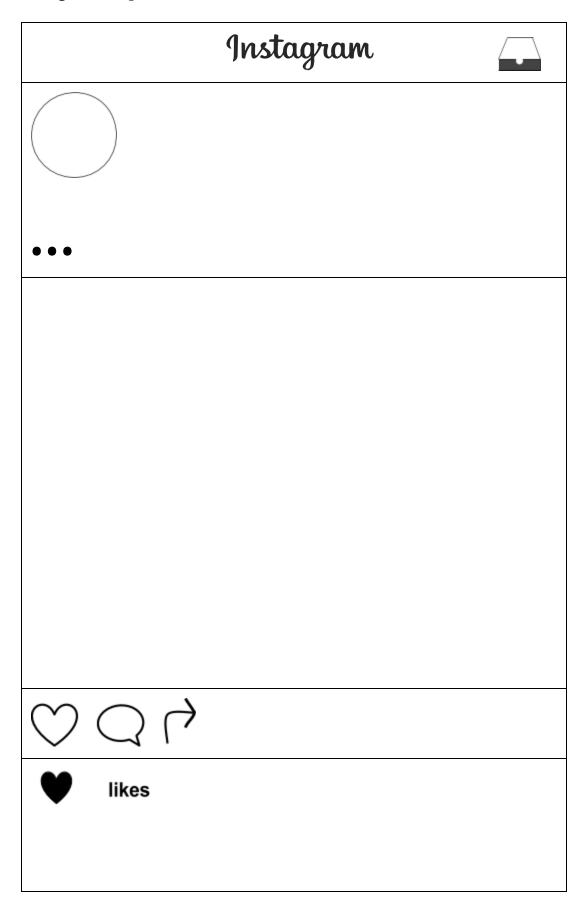
#### **Photo Caption Activity**

After you have completed the gallery walk, you should select one photograph that you feel is the most striking to you. If your teacher allows, you can find a photograph of the historical setting (1930s Aguascalientes, Mexico or San Joaquin Valley, CA) on your own. Then, create a caption as you would on instagram or snapchat. Your caption should correctly describe what is happening in the picture. You must include relevant hashtags that sum up the ideas, thoughts, or feelings represented in the photograph. You should print out the photo and glue it directly onto the template or you can draw it.

Snapchat template:



## Instagram template:



<b>Prezi Topic:</b>	

## Essential Question: How does building background knowledge help us comprehend and analyze a literary work?

Important Facts and Details	Why is this important?	Personal Response
1.	This reveals	This made me feel
2.		
3.		
4.		I wonder
5.	I learned	
6.		
7.		I believe
8.	This is relevant to society because	
9.		I predict the novel will be about
10.		

## **AVID Concept Map Organizer**

Resource 1.5

Directions: Take notes on your peers' concept maps. These are key concepts that are important to your understanding of the novel.

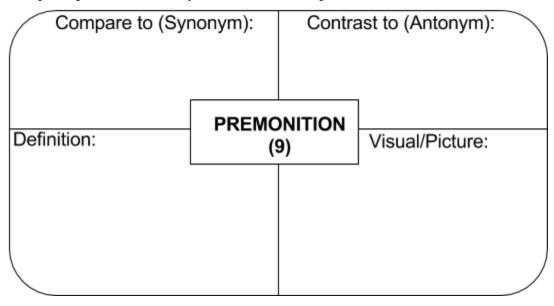
Key Concept	Definition	Synonym	Antonym	Sentence
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PERSEVERANCE				
SOCIAL CLASS				
IMMIGRATION				
STRIKES				
LABOR UNIONS				
MIGRANT				
OKIES				
PREJUDICE				

<b>1924</b> p. 1-3	For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence starters below.			
	<ul> <li>□ This quote reveals</li> <li>□ This reminds me of</li> <li>□ I want to know more aboutbecause</li> <li>□ The author is trying to</li> <li>□ This quote describes</li> <li>□ I can infer that</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This is significance because</li> <li>My interpretation of this is</li> <li>I agree or disagree because</li> <li>This reveals the conflict because</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ I like the way the author demonstrates</li> <li>□ I was confused by</li> <li>□ A question I have is</li> <li>□ I learned</li> <li>□ This surprised me because</li> </ul>	
<b>Proverb:</b> "He who falls today may rise tomorrow." (Preface)	What do you think this proverb really	means? Have you ever seen an exa	mple of this in real life?	
<b>Proverb:</b> "Wait a little while and the fruit will fall into your hand." -Papa (p. 2)	What do you think this proverb really	means? Can you think of an examp	ole of this in real life?	
Literary Device: Simile "Then, like a caterpillar, she slowly inched flat next to him" (p. 2)	The author could have compared Esp to a caterpillar?	peranza to anything. Why do you thi	nk she chose to compare Esperanza	

Resource 2.1	
	of the title: The title of this chapter is called "1924." Based on information presented in your class about the time period and setting what was happening during the 1920s in Mexico? What social class or type of work do you think Esperanza's family was a part of?

#### For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence Las Uvas starters below. Grapes p. 4-22 ☐ This quote reveals... ☐ This is significance ☐ I like the way the author ☐ This reminds me of... because... demonstrates... ☐ My interpretation of this ☐ I want to know more ☐ I was confused by... about...because.... ☐ A question I have is.... ☐ I agree or disagree ☐ I learned... ☐ The author is trying to... ☐ This quote describes... because... ☐ This surprised me ☐ This reveals the conflict ☐ I can infer that... because... because... **Proverb:** "There is no rose What do you think this proverb really means? **After finishing the chapter**, explain how this quote relates to without thorns." - Abuelita (p. 14) Esperanza's life. **After finishing the chapter**, explain how this event **foreshadows** the tragedy in Esperanza's family. **Literary Device: Foreshadowing** "She bent over to pick a red bloom, fully opened, and pricked her finger on a vicious thorn. Big pearls of blood pulsed from the tip of her thumb and she automatically thought, "bad luck." (p. 8)

**Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter.



**Significance of the title:** Esperanza's father owns a vineyard, which is a farm where grapes are grown. In this chapter, the author states, "When the grapes delivered their harvest, she always turned another year," which means that the harvesting of grapes marks the passage of time in Esperanza's life. **Why do you think that "Las uvas" or "grapes" is the title for this chapter?** 

Hint: How do grapes change, or what can grapes change into over time? What do you think the author is trying to say will happen to Esperanza over time?

Resource 3.2

**Traits** 

#### Characterization Matrix: Esperanza at the <u>Beginning</u> of the Novel

DIRECTIONS: With a partner, find examples of direct and indirect characterization for **Esperanza** from the text. Copy those examples into the "Evidence" column then indicate what trait is shown in the "Trait" column and cite the page number.

**Evidence** 

Direct				
Characterization				
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	Indirec	t Characterization (	I.A.B.L.E.S.)	
Thoughts and				
<u>E</u> motions				
<u>A</u> ctions				
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<u>L</u> ooks				
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## Essential Question: How will an understanding of past events help us understand the current social issues in America?

Important Facts and Details	Why is this important?	Personal Response
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5.		
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9.		
10.		

Resource 3.6

#### **Literary Devices**

**Foreshadowing:** When the author gives a hint about something that will happen *Example: The children saw the sign that said, "Danger! Do not enter!" but they went inside the abandoned building anyway.* 

**Imagery:** When an author uses words that help the reader imagine an experience through the five senses: sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch *Example: The classroom was in perfect order. The desks were aligned in neat rows, and the backpack were perfectly hung on hooks in the back of the room. Everywhere you looked students were working busily, and you could hear the sound of pencils moving against paper.* 

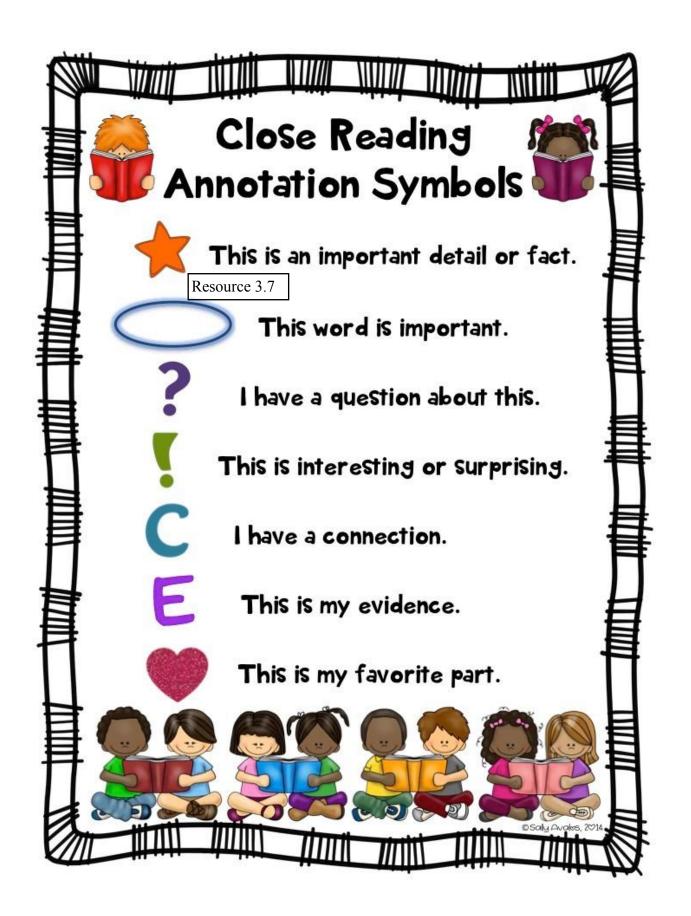
**Metaphor:** When two unlike things are compared *Example: The classroom was a beehive of activity.* 

**Personification:** When human characteristics are given to something non-human *Example: The waves crashed angrily against the shore.* 

**Simile:** When two unlike things are compared using like, as, than, seems or resembles *Example: The classroom was as busy as a beehive.* 

**Symbolism:** The use of an object (a thing), person, situation, or word to represent something else

Example: His heart pounded in his chest, and at that moment he knew it had been broken.



Resource 3.8

# Background Texts about Mexico in the 1920s Created by Expeditionary Learning for Instructional Purposes

#### Mexico: Government and Revolution

From the years 1846 to 1911, Mexico was ruled by a dictator named Porfirio Díaz. In 1910, the poor and working-class people of Mexico rebelled against the wealthy landowners and Díaz. This was called the Mexican Revolution. Workers fought for many reasons. They wanted fair pay, equal rights, and to have better opportunities for their families. The Mexican Revolution was a long and deadly war for the Mexican people. But the outcome changed much in their society. For example, the Mexican Constitution was written during this period, in 1917. This constitution outlined the rules that the government must follow. It also gave all people of Mexico rights, regardless of whether they were workers or landowners.

#### Mexico's Neighbor to the North

During the Mexican-American War (1846–1848), Mexico lost nearly half its territory to the U.S. Within two years, the United States had captured Mexico City and won the war. Mexico was forced to sell its northern territories, including Texas and what are now the states of California, Arizona, and New Mexico, to the U.S. for only eighteen million dollars. This was a very low price to pay for the amount of rich land the United States was getting from Mexico. Because of this, the U.S. and Mexico had very bad relations for many years after the war.

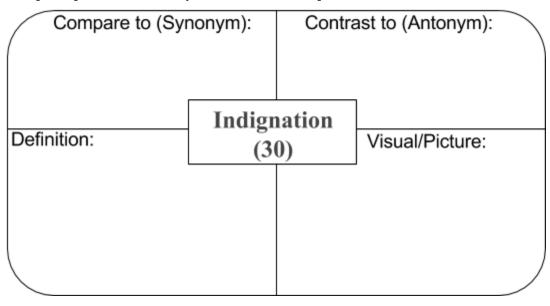
#### **Mexico: Rich versus Poor**

Throughout Mexico's history, there have been small villages in the countryside. For generations families have lived and worked on the farms that surrounded these villages. The families who worked the land did not own any part of the farms. This meant that they did not make very much money, because they were paid low wages to work for the landowners. In fact, more than 70 percent of Mexico's population in the 1920s was extremely poor.

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#### For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence **Las Papayas** Papayas <sub>p. 23-38</sub> starters below. ☐ This quote reveals... ☐ This is significance ☐ I like the way the author ☐ This reminds me of... because... demonstrates... ☐ I was confused by... ☐ I want to know more ☐ My interpretation of this about...because.... ☐ A question I have is.... ☐ I learned... ☐ The author is trying to... ☐ I agree or disagree ☐ This surprised me ☐ This quote describes... because... ☐ I can infer that... ☐ This reveals the conflict because... because... Quote: "Her heart felt so big and Explain the grief Esperanza and her family are feeling. Have you experienced this in your life? hurt so much that it crowded out her voice." (p.28) **Literary Devices:** How does the author use personification and symbolism to show the divisions that people create between Personification/Symbolism themselves? Why do you think the author chose to use a wall and a river as symbols for the division between "An awkward silence built a wall Esperanza and Miguel? between them." (p. 37) **Symbolism** "You were right, Esperanza. In Mexico we stand on different sides of the river." -Miguel (p. 37)

**Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter.



**Significance of the title**: In this chapter, Señor Rodríguez comes to deliver the papayas for Esperanza's birthday celebration since "papaya, coconut, and lime salad was Esperanza's favorite and Hortensia made it every year on her birthday" (25). Papayas are very fragrant fruits that transform from green to orange when they ripen, and they give off a very strong and sweet smell. At the end of the chapter, we find that the papayas are left out in the courtyard and "their overripe sweetness now pervaded the air with each breath of wind" (38). The author also explains how Esperanza "took a deep breath, still smelling the papayas and Papa's sweet intentions" (38) as she tries to fall asleep at night. **Why do you think the author chose to connect the birthday papayas to Esperanza's father's "sweet intentions"?** 

Hint: Intentions refer to what is originally planned. It could end up being different than what actually happens.

# **Los Higos** Figs <sub>p. 39-57</sub>



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- ☐ A question I have is.... ☐ I learned...
- ☐ This surprised me because...

**Proverb:** "We are like the phoenix," said Abuelita. "Rising again, with a new life ahead of us." (p. 50)

Make a prediction. How do you think Esperanza's family will be like the phoenix?

#### **Literary Device:** Metaphor

"Look at the zigzag of the blankets. Mountains and valleys. Right now you are in the bottom of the valley and your problems loom big around you. But soon, you will be at the top of a mountain again. After you have lived many mountains and valleys, we will be together." -Abuelita (p. 51)

The author uses a metaphor comparing life to the zigzag pattern of mountains and valleys. What do you think these mountains and valleys represent?

#### Resource 5.1

#### Literary Devices: Personification, Simile, and Imagery

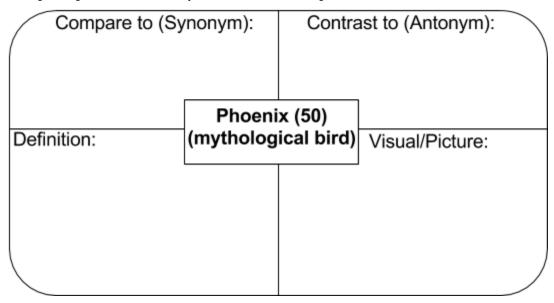
"The fire's anger could not be contained. It spread to the grapes. The flames ran along the deliberate rows of the vines, like long curved fingers reaching for the horizon, lighting the night sky." (p. 42)

**Underline** the sentence from the quote uses <u>personification</u>. <u>Personification</u> is when human characteristics are given to something non-human.

**Circle** the part of the quote that is a <u>simile</u>. A <u>simile</u> is when two unlike things are compared using like, as, than, seems or resembles.

In your opinion, which part of the quote has the strongest <u>imagery</u>, or creates the most powerful image in your mind? <u>Imagery</u> is when an author uses words that help the reader imagine an experience.

**Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter.



**Significance of the title**: In many cultures, figs represent peace and plenty. Señor Rodríguez brings figs in a basket every night to help the family with their secret plan to move to America (53). Why do you think the author chose to fill Señor Rodríguez's basket with figs instead of another type of fruit? What ideas do you think the figs represent or symbolize in this chapter?

## Literature Circle Roles

#### **Directions:**

Throughout your reading of Esperanza Rising, you will meet with your peers in groups of four to discuss different parts of the novel. Below are the roles you are responsible for during your reading conversation. You will take turns rotating through the roles so that each time you meet you will have a different task for your conversation. Keep track of your meetings by taking notes on your group discussion sheet.



#### **Discussion Director**

- 1. Lead the group's discussion in 2-3 questions:
  - a. Why do you think...?
  - b. What did \_\_\_\_\_ mean to you?
  - c. How do you feel about...?
- 2. Choose who will start & what order people will share and ask extra questions to keep the discussion going:
  - a. What are your thoughts?
  - b. Do you have any ideas to add?
- 3. Make sure everyone is on task.



#### Connector

- 1. Make connections between the book & your life.
  - a. Text to self: A connection I made to life was...
  - b. Text to text : A connection to a book/movie/song I made was...
  - c. Text to world: A connection to something happening in the world I made was...
- 2. Ask your group members to share their own connections.



#### Visualizer

- 1. Visualizing means picturing something in your head.
- 2. You may:
  - a. *Draw a picture* of a scene or character in the book
  - b. Share a part of the book where the author really painted a picture in your head.
  - c. Write down good words that helped you visualize.



#### **Predictor**

- 1. Make a prediction about what will happen next.
- 2. Make inferences about characters & events.
  - a. Explain WHY you are making this prediction or inference.

<sup>\*</sup>Literature Circles for this novel should occur every 4-5 chapters.

Resource 5.3

## **Group Discussion Sheet Meeting #1**

Chapter 1-4: pg 1-57 Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Names of Group Member:	Meeting #1 Role Assignment:
1.	Discussion Director
2.	Connector
3.	Visualizer
4.	Predictor
Directions: Prepare your note	s for your discussion below.

My role today is	•
My role today is Ideas I have for our discussion are	
Group Discussion Notes: As you group mem	
summarize their ideas in the matching boxe	
Discussion Director	Connector
Questions we had about the novel were:	Connections we made to the novel were:
1.	1
	<u> </u>
2	2
3	
Visualizer	Predictor
Our visualizer	A prediction we made is
We discussed	
	because

#### **Using Symbols to Analyze Esperanza Changing**

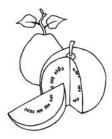
**Directions**: As you read through the book, you will notice Esperanza's personality and perspectives about life change with each new experience.

Below, create a symbol that represents Esperanza as she is in the beginning, middle, and end, Explain each symbol and what it means to you.

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Esperanza's Character in the Beginning (After p. 57) The symbol I chose	Esperanza's Character in the Middle (After p. 157) The symbol I chose	Esperanza's Character in the End (After p. 253) The symbol I chose
is because	is because	isbecause
I think is represents Esperanza in the beginning of the book because	I think is represents Esperanza in the middle of the book because	

## Las Guayabas

Guavas p. 58-80



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- ☐ I want to know more about...because....
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- ☐ I learned...
- ☐ This surprised me because...

**Quote**: "When you scorn these people, you scorn Miguel, Hortensia, and Alfonso. And you embarrass me and yourself. As difficult as it is to accept, our lives are different now." -Mama (p. 70)

How does Esperanza scorn Miguel, Hortensia, and Alfonso when she shows her dislike of the peasants (poor people) on the train? How is this moment a <u>turning point</u> for Esperanza?

**Proverb:** "There is a Mexican saying: 'Full bellies and Spanish blood go hand in hand'....Have you never noticed?" he said, sounding surprised. "Those with Spanish blood, who have the fairest complexions in the land, are the wealthiest." -Miguel (p. 79)

What evidence is there in the novel that this quote is true? Do you see evidence of this in the lives of Esperanza and Miguel? Do you see this in modern society?

#### Resource 6.1

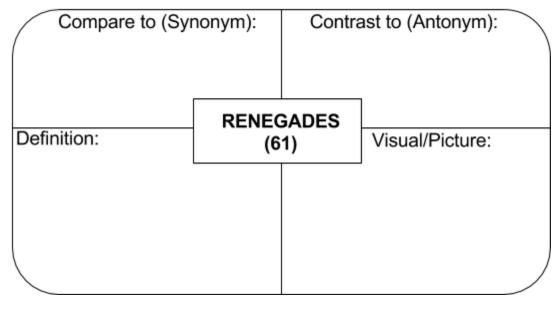
#### **Literary Devices:**

"She remembered standing on a chair with her arms outstretched like a bird ready for flight while Hortensia fitted the sides of the dress." (p. 61)

What literary devices are used here?

This quote is a flashback to Esperanza's life before the death of her papa. Why do you think the author chose to compare her to a bird with outstretched wings?

**Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter.



# Los Melones

## Cantaloupes p. 81-99



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#### Quote:

"Well my father died, too. Before he came to this country, he fought in the Mexican revolution against people like her father who owned all the land." -Marta, p. 97. Why doesn't Martha have any sympathy for Esperanza? What does this scene show about the stereotypes that existed between the wealthy and the poor?

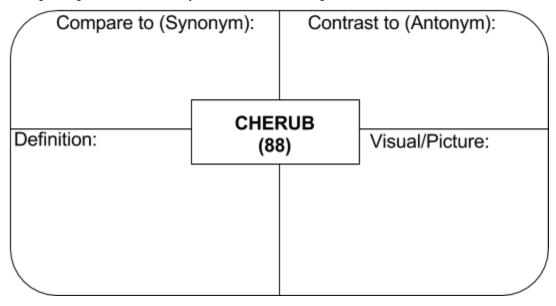
#### Literary Devices: Similes and Imagery

"As they rounded a curve, it appeared as if the mountains pulled away from each other, like a curtain opening on a stage, revealing the San Joaquin Valley beyond. Flat and spacious, it spread out like a blanket of patchwork fields." (p. 94)

<u>Underline</u> the **two** similes in the quote to the left.

The author uses imagery to show the reader what Esperanza is seeing, and similes to paint the picture in a unique way. Why do you think the author used the words, "a curtain opening on a stage"? How does this line relate to what is happening in the story?

**Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter.



**Significance of the title:** When Esperanza finally gets to California, she is sitting in a truck on Highway 99, looking out at the San Joaquin Vallery around her. Alfonso and Miguel spot a field with leftover melons and are told that they are allowed to take as many melons as they could carry for themselves (95). She explains that those "melons warmed by the valley sun, rolled and somersaulted with each bump of the truck." How might the leftover, sun-drenched melons that bounce around in the truck represent Esperanza and her new family of friends as they face life as farm-laborers?

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  - c. Text to world: A connection to something happening in the world I made was...
- 2. Ask your group members to share their own connections.



#### Visualizer

- 1. Visualizing means picturing something in your head.
- 2. You may:
  - a. *Draw a picture* of a scene or character in the book
  - b. Share a part of the book where the author really painted a picture in your head.
  - c. Write down good words that helped you visualize.



#### **Predictor**

- 1. Make a prediction about what will happen next.
- 2. Make inferences about characters & events.
  - a. Explain WHY you are making this prediction or inference.

<sup>\*</sup>Literature Circles for this novel should occur every 4-5 chapters.

Resource 7.2

## Group Discussion Sheet Meeting #2

Chap	ter 5-6: pg.58-9	9 Date:
Names of Group Member:	Meeting #2 Ro	le Assignment:
1.	Connector	
2.	Visualizer	
3.	Predictor	
4.	Discussion Dir	rector
<b>Directions</b> : Prepare your <b>not</b>	<b>es</b> for your discus	ssion below.
<b>Group Discussion Notes:</b> As y summarize their ideas in the	· ·	ers share their notes, listen and then below.
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Resource 7.3

#### **Key Words: Strike, Union, and Boycott**

A <u>strike</u>, also called labor strike, is a work stoppage caused when many employees refuse to work. A strike usually takes place when employees are trying to get better working conditions or higher pay.

Another way employees can get better working conditions or higher pay is by forming a **union**, sometimes called a labor union. A union is formed when all of the employees agree to stand together on issues.

Cesar Chavez formed the National Farm Workers Association (later named the United Farm Workers union, or UFW) with Dolores Huerta. The UFW fought for the rights of farm workers. The union encouraged its members to strike to get higher wages. They also lead peaceful marches and boycotts.

In the 1970s, Cesar Chavez led successful boycotts. **Boycotts** are another activity that can cause change. Boycotts are when people agree to stop using or buying a product or service as a protest. Usually Boycotters want a change to occur. The purpose of a boycott is to cause the business being boycotted to lose money, with the hope that the business will make a change to increase sales again.

#### Fast-food workers strike, seeking \$15 wage, political muscle

http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2015/11/10/fast-food-strikes-begin/75482782/Paul Davidson, USA TODAY 6:54 p.m. EST November 10, 2015

Fast-food workers demanding a \$15-an-hour minimum wage walked out in hundreds of cities Tuesday, kicking off a campaign to muster the political power of 64 million low-wage workers in next year's presidential election.

The walkouts marked the workers' largest show of force in the three years since they launched a series of rallies to call for higher pay and the right to unionize, according to the advocacy group Fight for \$15. The group is backed by the Service Employees International Union.

Tens of thousands of workers and supporters took part in rallies planned for 1,000 cities across the nation, beginning around dawn at McDonald's outlets in New York, Boston and Philadelphia, among other locations. Protests also were taking place for low-paid home care, child care, farm, nursing home and other workers seeking to make their voices heard.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio addressed a demonstration in Brooklyn, saying Fight for \$15 has "changed this city, changed this state and changed this nation." New York State has approved a law to gradually increase the minimum wage for fast-food workers to \$15.



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In Detroit, about 200 workers protested in the early-morning darkness as a cold rain fell outside a McDonald's.

"I'm here to fight for \$15 and a union," said Lakecha Jackson, 37, a Detroit mother of two young daughters who earns \$8 an hour and has been working at the McDonald's where she and other demonstrators gathered. "That would be a lot for me."

In Boston, Kheila Cox, 38, a \$10-an-hour baggage handler at Logan Airport, planned to join an afternoon march from Faneuil Hall to the Massachusetts State House. "It's not just the financial piece, it's also about the dignity," said Cox, who has seven children.

A McDonald's on Stanwix Street in Pittsburgh was shuttered Tuesday morning, a sign on the door reading: "CLOSED due to STRIKE." At another McDonald's outside of Rochester, N.Y., about 30 demonstrators shouted "Hold the burgers, hold the fries, we want our wages supersized!"

In contrast to their nine previous walkouts, the workers this time are putting on an emphatic political stamp. The day-long offensive, including late afternoon parades to local city halls, will culminate with a protest at the Republican presidential debate in Milwaukee on Tuesday night.

Most Republican candidates oppose raising the federal minimum hourly wage from \$7.25, saying it will hurt job growth.

The National Restaurant Association says a \$15 base would force employers to replace workers with technology, such as touch-screen ordering tablets. It says about 90% of restaurants are small businesses that lack deep pockets. "Fifteen dollars is too far, too fast," spokeswoman Christin Fernandez says.

Michael Mabry, chief operating officer of MOOYAH Burgers, Fries, & Shakes, with 76 U.S. franchises, says the chain's workers earn an average \$9 to \$14 an hour and hiking base pay to \$15 would force franchisees to raise prices, cut per-store staffing from six to four workers, or a combination. Outlets, he adds, would not hire teenage workers at that rate, removing an entree into the workforce for many Americans.

Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton recently said she supports a \$12 federal pay floor,

Resource 7.3

while Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley favor a \$15 minimum. They cite the issue as key to closing the widening gap between rich and poor.

Already an influential political force, the workers plan to use their new-found muscle to sway local, state and national elections exactly 12 months from now and say they'll back any candidate of any party who supports their cause. The Fight for \$15 group says it will hold voter registration drives and neighborhood parties to coax the workers to the polls.

A recent survey by the National Employment Law Project found that most unregistered voters would sign up and registered voters would be more likely to vote if a candidate backs a \$15 hourly wage -- groups that represents 48 million potential voters.

"People are going to be looking for that in a candidate" and will vote for politicians "that are responsive to their economic well-being," NELP Executive Director Christine Owens says.

### **ACTIVITY**

**DIRECTIONS**: Answer the following text-dependent questions in complete sentences. Make sure to integrate the question into your answer.

1.	Explain each of the terms below using your own words.
Strike:	
Union:	
Boycot	tt:
	According to the article, fast food workers are joining other groups of low-paid workers to demand higher pay. What other groups are they joining? Why do you think the groups are joining together?

3. According to Michael Mabry, chief operating officer of MOOYAH Burgers, what would

happen if the minimum wage was raised to \$15 an hour? Do you think the

consequences he described outweigh the benefits of the raise?

### **Esperanza Rising** - Setting Activity - **Take a Lit. Trip!** Resource 7.5

Your teacher will take you on a Google Lit. Trip to Aguascalientes in Mexico, and the San Joaquin Valley in California. Use the information from the trip, as well as from the novel, to complete the activity below.

Aguascalientes in Mexico	San Joaquin Valley, CA
Use details from the novel to draw a scene from the setting of Aguascalientes.	Use details from the novel to draw a scene from the setting of the San Joaquin Valley in California.
Write four adjectives to describe Aguascalientes:	Write four adjectives to describe the San Joaquin Valley:
Write three verbs that are connected to Aguascalientes:	Write three verbs that are connected to the San Joaquin Valley:
Write two nouns that are in Aguascalientes:	Write two nouns that are in the San Joaquin Valley:
Write one feeling or "mood" word that is felt through Aguascalientes:	Write one feeling or "mood" word that is felt through the San Joaquin Valley:

### Las Cebollas

Onions p. 100-120



# For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence starters below.

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- ☐ This reminds me of...
- ☐ I want to know more about...because....
- ☐ The author is trying to...
- ☐ This quote describes...
- ☐ I can infer that...

- ☐ This is significance because...
- ☐ My interpretation of this is...
- ☐ I agree or disagree because...
- ☐ This reveals the conflict because...

- ☐ I like the way the author demonstrates...
- ☐ I was confused by...

☐ A question I have is....

- ☐ I learned...
- ☐ This surprised me because...

Quote: "Esperanza, if we had stayed in Mexico and I had married Tio Luis, we could have had one choice. To be apart and miserable. Here, we have two choices. To be together and miserable or to be together and happy. Mija, we have each other and Abuelita will come. How would she want you to behave? I choose to be happy. So which will you choose?" (page 104)

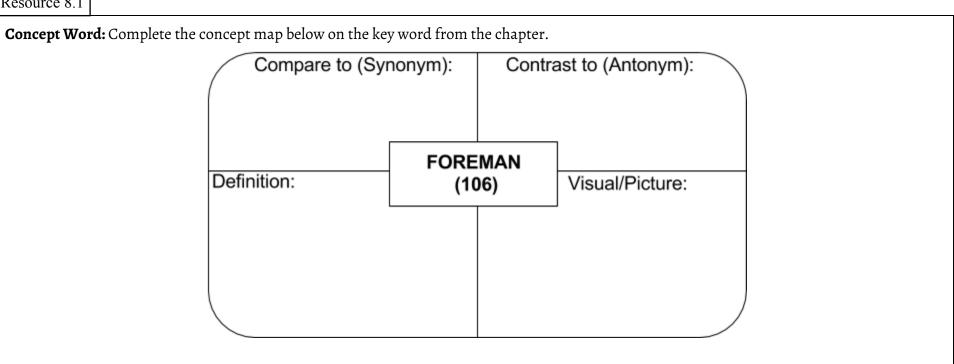
How did Esperanza change after her mother said this? What advice has a friend or family member given that has helped you? Please explain.

### Literary Devices: Simile and Imagery

"Esperanza could hear them talking in English, the words hard and clipped, as if they were speaking with sticks in their mouths." (p. 100-101) Underline the <u>simile</u> used in the quote.

<u>Imagery</u> is when an author uses words that help the reader imagine an experience through the five senses: **sight**, **hearing**, **taste**, **smell**, **and touch**. In the quote to the left, the author's words help us imagine the experience using which sense?





### Parallel Timeline Resource 8.2

Directions: The column on the left lists out several important events that have happened in history that are connected to the setting (time and place) of the novel, *Esperanza Rising*.

Events in History		vents in History	Events in Esperanza Rising
Î	1910	The Mexican Revolution begins. Hundreds of thousands of people flee north from Mexico and settle in the southwestern United States.	In the chapter called, "Los Melones," Marta mentions how her father died during the Mexican Revolution (p. 97). According to the text, what were many of the Mexican citizens fighting against?
	1911	In Mexico, the long dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz comes to an end when he is forced to resign in a revolt led by Francisco Madero.	In the chapter called, "Las Uvas," the neighbors speak of bandits threatening Aguascalientes. Read pages 11-12 and answer the following question. According to the text, why do you think bandits were trying to attack certain people, even though the Mexican Revolution was long over?
	1921	The first of two national origin quota acts is passed to limit immigration from eastern and southern Europe. As a result, Mexico becomes a major source of American farm workers.	On page 47 of the novel, Hortensia tells mama of plans to go to the United States to work in a big farm alongside Alfonso's brother. How did large communities of Mexican-American farmworkers contribute to each other's survival and success in America?
	1929	With the onset of the Great Depression, Mexican immigration to the United States slows down and many workers return to Mexico.	In the chapter called, "Espárragos," (pages 199-213) we find out why so many Mexican-American laborers are sent to Mexico. Explain why this trend of "workers returning to Mexico" happened.
	1930s	Many Mexican workers are displaced by the dominant southern whites and blacks of the migrant agricultural work force.	Due to the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, many people from the midwest, such as Oklahoma, migrated to the west coast. Some of these people were called "Okies." How does the sudden wave of new 'white' workers create unfair experiences for the Mexican-American farmworkers and characters like Miguel (pages 217-220)?
	1933	Mexican farm workers in the Central Valley, California cotton industry go on strike, supported by several groups of independent Mexican union organizers.	In the chapter called, "Espárragos," (pages 199-213), how do the striking farmworkers cause both conflict and sympathy within the community of non-striking farmworkers?

### Las Almendras

# Almonds p. 121-138



# For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence starters below.

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- ☐ I want to know more about...because....
- ☐ The author is trying to...
- ☐ This quote describes...
- ☐ I can infer that...

- ☐ This is significance because...
- ☐ My interpretation of this is...
- ☐ I agree or disagree because...
- ☐ This reveals the conflict because...

- ☐ I like the way the author demonstrates...
- ☐ I was confused by...
- ☐ A question I have is....☐ I learned...
- ☐ This surprised me because...

**Quote**: "Didn't I tell you that Papa's heart would find us wherever we go?" (Mama, p.125) Why does Mama say this to Esperanza after seeing the roses blooming?

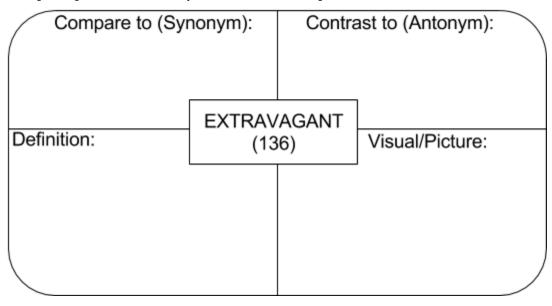
### Literary Device: Symbol

"But the roses come from far away."

... 'These are your papa's roses,' said Miguel, smiling at her... 'After the fire, my father and I dug down to the roots. Many were still healthy. We carried the cuttings from Aguascalientes... We think they will grow. In time, we will see how many bloom.' ... 'Which one is mine?' He smiled and pointed to the one that...already had a makeshift trellis propped against it. 'So you can climb,' he said." (p. 124)

It can be argued that the roses Miguel and Alfonso brought from Aguascalientes are a symbol for Esperanza. How is Esperanza like these roses?

**Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter.



**Significance of the title:** As Esperanza helps Isabel shell almonds, she describes how "the soft and fuzzy outside hull looked like two hands pressed together, protecting something inside" (128). Throughout the plot so far, which character do you think may be represented by the almond inside a fuzzy shell that protects him or her?

### For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence Las Ciruelas starters below. Plums p. 139-157 ☐ This quote reveals... ☐ This is significance ☐ I like the way the author ☐ This reminds me of... because... demonstrates... ☐ I want to know more ☐ My interpretation of this ☐ I was confused by... about...because.... ☐ A question I have is.... ☐ I learned... ☐ I agree or disagree ☐ The author is trying to... ☐ This quote describes... because... ☐ This surprised me ☐ This reveals the conflict ☐ I can infer that... because... because... **Quote**: "A roil of brown loomed Describe the storm. Why is it so dangerous? over the mountains." (p.147) **Comprehension Questions:** List Esperanza's daily schedule. Read over the description of the dust storm carefully (p.148); then draw a picture to show what it looks like based upon the description in the book:

Resource 10.1 **Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter. Compare to (Synonym): Contrast to (Antonym): **ATROCIOUS** 

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Visual/Picture:

Definition:

### Literature Circle Roles

**Directions:** Throughout your reading of Esperanza Rising, you will meet with your peers in groups of four to discuss different parts of the novel. Below are the roles you are responsible for during your reading conversation. You will take turns rotating through the roles so that each time you meet you will have a different task for your conversation. Keep track of your meetings by taking notes on your group discussion sheet.



### **Discussion Director**

- 1. Lead the group's discussion in 2-3 questions:
  - a. Why do you think...?
  - b. What did \_\_\_\_\_ mean to you?
  - c. How do you feel about...?
- 2. Choose who will start & what order people will share and ask extra questions to keep the discussion going:
  - a. What are your thoughts?
  - b. Do you have any ideas to add?
- 3. Make sure everyone is on task.



#### Connector

- 1. Make connections between the book & your life.
  - a. Text to self: A connection I made to life was...
  - b. Text to text : A connection to a book/movie/song I made was...
  - c. Text to world: A connection to something happening in the world I made was...
- 2. Ask your group members to share their own connections.



### Visualizer

- 1. Visualizing means picturing something in your head.
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  - a. *Draw a picture* of a scene or character in the book
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  - c. Write down good words that helped you visualize.



#### **Predictor**

- 1. Make a prediction about what will happen next.
- 2. Make inferences about characters & events.
  - a. Explain WHY you are making this prediction or inference.

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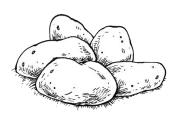
# **Group Discussion Sheet Meeting #3**

Chapte	er 7-9: pg.100-	157 Date:		
Names of Group Member:	Meeting #3 Role Assignment:			
1.	Visualizer	Visualizer		
2.	Predictor			
3.	Discussion Di	rector		
4.	Connector			
<b>Directions</b> : Prepare your <b>not</b>	<b>es</b> for your discu	ussion below.		
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<b>Visualizer</b> Our visualizer		Predictor A prediction we made is		
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# Las Papas

### Potatoes p. 158-178



# For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence starters below.

- ☐ This quote reveals...
- ☐ This reminds me of...
- ☐ I want to know more about...because....
- ☐ The author is trying to...
- ☐ This quote describes...
- ☐ I can infer that...

- ☐ This is significance because...
- My interpretation of this
- ☐ I agree or disagree because...
- ☐ This reveals the conflict because...

- ☐ I like the way the author demonstrates...
- ☐ I was confused by...
- ☐ A question I have is....☐ I learned...
- ☐ This surprised me because...

**Quote:** "Don't worry. I will take care of everything. I will be *la patrona* for the family now." (p.178)

This quote shows how much Esperanza has grown since the beginning of the book. Describe why she has changed and what it means for her.

### In this chapter, the narrator states:

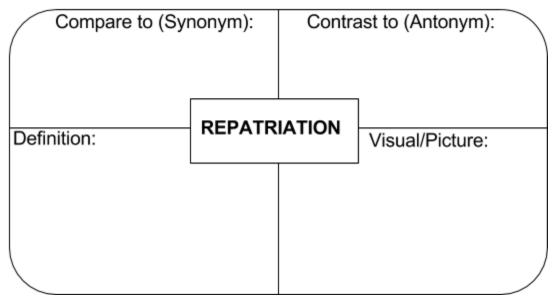
"Isabel had nothing, but she also had everything. Esperanza wanted what she had. She wanted so few worries that something as simple as a yarn doll would make her happy." (p. 176)

Compare this quote to what Carmen, the woman from the train, says:

"I am poor, but I am rich. I have my children, I have a garden with roses, and I have my faith and the memories of those who have gone before me. What more is there?" (p. 76)

Question: Even though Esperanza is struggling, she has things that can bring her joy. What can Esperanza be grateful for?

**Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter.



**Significance of the title:** In this chapter, Esperanza starts working on the farm and her first job is to cut potato eyes (the dimples in potatoes). Hortensia teaches her how to "leave two eyes in every piece so there will be two chances for it take root" (169). Why do you think the author includes the idea of a potato that can be planted into the ground to start a new root, and how might this be connected to Esperanza's growth or transformation?

### **Forced Deportation of Mexicans During the Depression**

http://classroom.synonym.com/forced-deportation-mexicans-during-depression-6297.html by Agatha Clark, Demand Media

DIRECTIONS: The article below was chosen because of its connection to the novel <u>Esperanza</u> <u>Rising</u>. Read the article and use the text annotation symbols (found on page 18) where appropriate.

During the Great Depression, the American government forcibly deported between 1 and 2 million American citizens and legal residents of Mexican descent. This mass deportation, known as the Mexican Repatriation, took place from 1929 to 1939 and was fueled by panic over unemployment in the United States. Although the repatriation changed the lives of millions, historians have only recently began to study and understand what happened.

### The Early 1900s

In the early 20th century, several factors led to increased immigration from Mexico. The violence of the Mexican Revolution and the American demand for labor made the United States an appealing option for many who wanted safety and stability for their families. Legal immigration was easy at the time, with no quotas or restrictions on immigrants from Mexico and an inexpensive and quick visa process at the border. By 1930, the population of Mexican Americans had grown to almost 1.5 million. Over half of these people were born in the United States.

### **The Stock Market Crash**

The stock market crash of 1929 signaled the onset of the Great Depression, a time of economic devastation and extremely high unemployment. As many Americans panicked, they began to blame immigrants for their problems. As a result, people of Mexican descent were systematically denied jobs, subjected to raids and illegally detained without warrants. In 1931, federal and state governments began to support a process of instructing social workers to encourage Mexican Americans to leave. Torture, illegal imprisonment and other methods of coercion were also used. The government began to send trains with thousands of people of Mexican descent to Mexico. Many of these were American citizens who did not speak Spanish.

#### Repatriation

When the repatriated Mexican Americans arrived in Mexico, some were able to locate family members to live with, but many others had nowhere to go. The Mexican economy was not prepared to accommodate the new influx of people, and although it attempted to create agricultural colonies for the repatriated, starvation and disease resulted in dozens of deaths, permanently ending the project. The citizens of Mexico also did not welcome the new arrivals, resenting that they had left during the revolution and the burden that their presence created.

#### Results

As a result of the repatriation, families were forced to transition from comfortable lifestyles in the United States to conditions of extreme poverty. Lack of housing, plumbing, food and access to education created hardships for many when they arrived in Mexico. Returning to the United States also proved to be a serious problem. Historians estimate that at least 60 percent of the repatriated Mexican Americans were citizens of the United States; however, unless individuals were able to produce papers proving their nationality, they were not readmitted. Because it was impossible for many to access their documents, many citizens were never able to return to the U.S.

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#### **TEXT-DEPENDENT QUESTIONS**

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer the following text-dependent questions in complete sentences. Make sure to integrate the question into your answer.

1. Use your own words to explain the Mexican Repatriation.				
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Resource 11.2
2. Why did the Mexican Repatriation occur?
3. What happened to the people who were sent to Mexico? How were they treated? Why were they treated this way?
4. Even though approximately 60% of the people who were sent to Mexico were U.S. citizens, they were not allowed back into the U.S. Why?

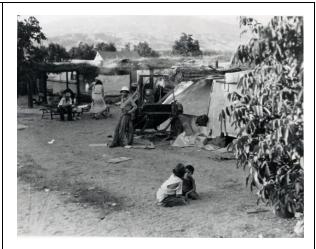
### **Picture This: California Perspectives on American History** Depression Era: 1930s: Repatriation for Mexican & Filipino Farm Workers

DIRECTIONS: The article below was chosen because of its connection to the novel Esperanza

Rising. Read the article and use the text annotation symbols (on page 18) where appropriate.



Imperial Valley - People in Camps. 1935. Dorothea Lange, photographer. Gelatin silver print. Collection of Oakland Museum of California. Gift of Paul S. Taylor.



Mexican apricot pickers. June 22, 1935. Dorothea Lange, photographer. Gelatin silver print. Collection of Oakland Museum of California. Gift of Paul S. Taylor.

Mexican and Mexican American migrant farm workers expected conditions like those pictured above as they sought farm work in California and other states in the early 1900s. At that time, the Mexican Revolution and the series of Mexican civil wars that followed pushed many Mexicans to flee to the United States. Many U.S. farm owners recruited Mexicans and Mexican Americans because they believed that these desperate workers would tolerate living conditions that workers of other races would not.

Mexican and Mexican American workers often earned more in the United States than they could in Mexico's civil war economy, although California farmers paid Mexican and Mexican American workers significantly less than white American workers. By the 1920s, at least 75% of California's 200,000 farm workers were Mexican or Mexican American.

As the Great Depression took a toll on California's economy during the 1930s, however, Mexicans and Mexican Americans became targets for discrimination and removal. White government officials claimed that Mexican immigrants made up the majority of the California unemployed. White trade unions claimed that Mexican immigrants were

taking jobs that should go to white men. In reality, a new supply of white refugees, or "Okies," desperate for jobs was flooding California from the Midwest, making up the majority of the unemployed.

At the same time that wages were dropping due to the new white refugee labor, established Mexican and Mexican American farm workers had become a threat by banding together, often with other non-whites, and organizing strikes to protest lowered wages and worsening living conditions. Agriculture in the United States was crippled due to the ongoing Dust Bowl drought in the Midwest, while California was relatively untouched - the farm owners had a chance to profit immensely from the supply of cheap labor, but not if these protests succeeded.

California state and local governments responded to white farm owner pressure and implemented "repatriation" plans to send Mexican immigrants back to Mexico in busloads and boxcars. Many Mexican Americans were also sent out of the United States under these programs, there being no differentiation between Mexicans and Mexican American U.S. citizens. Mexican American U.S. citizens who were children at the time were also deported to Mexico along with their Mexican parents.

Despite a hundred years of effort, economic exploitation of farm workers of all races continues to this day in California and across the United States. As long as farm owners can continue forcing people to live in such conditions, the farm workers' struggle seems doomed to continue.

Source: http://picturethis.museumca.org/timeline/depression-era-1930s/migrant-farm-workers/info

### **TEXT-DEPENDENT QUESTIONS**

**DIRECTIONS**: Answer the following text-dependent questions in complete sentences. Make sure to integrate the question into your answer.

Why did so many American farm owners recruit Mexican and Mexican American laborers?
2. Why did the farm workers create a threat when they banded together?
3. Use your own words to explain repatriation.

Resource 11.4			
Cornell Notes	Topic/O	<b>bjective:</b> "Picture this: California Perspectives"	Name:
Y	Students	will understand the historical impact of	Class/Period:
AVID® Decades of College Dreams	deportati	ion during the 1920s, and explore the roots of ion as it exists today.	Date:
Essential Question	on: Wha	t separates people from each other? What brings	them together?
Questions:		Notes: Conditions for Mexican and Mexican-Ame	erican farmworkers:
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read in the article.			
		Differences and inequality between races	<u>:</u>
		Impact of the Great Depression:	
		Response of the state and local governme	nts:
Summary:			

# Los Aguacates Avocados p. 179-198



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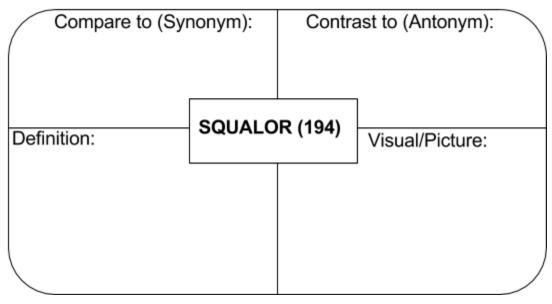
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- ☐ I like the way the author demonstrates...
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- ☐ A question I have is....☐ I learned...
- ☐ This surprised me because...

**Quote:** "That night, as she soaked her hands in warm water, she realized that she no longer recognized them as her own. Cut and scarred, swollen and stiff, they looked like the hands of a very old man..." (p. 180)

Esperanza says she doesn't recognize her own hands. What does she mean by this? How does this affect her?

**Concept Word:** Complete the concept map below on the key word from the chapter.



**Significance of the title:** Esperanza has been working diligently to support her mother, and her rough hands are proof of her labor. As she uses the glycerin and avocado mixture that Hortensia creates for her to soothe her hands, how does the idea of avocados represent Esperanza's past, present, and future?

Hint: See pages 181-182

### **Pro/Con Thinking Map and Argumentative Speech Activity:**

**Part 1 - Pro/Con Thinking Map:** In the chapter called "Avocados" (pages 179-198), there are many social-justice issues raised throughout the text. Think about Miguel's words on p. 187-188, as well as the pros and cons of the strikers listed on pages 196-197, and create a thinking map that helps you write out all of the pros and cons for the strikes. You can use any thinking map that you feel captures your thought process in the most effective way.

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the strikers being presented. Choose one side of the argument, and create a 1-2 minute speech that powerfully argues for one side (f
the strike or against the strike). Be sure to use evidence from the text and thinking map to help you with your 1-2 minute speech. You
teacher may ask you to present your speech in front of your peers. If time permits, you can make posters to support your message.
☐ Be sure to greet your listeners and address the audience.
Explain what side you are on (topic sentence).
☐ Lay out the 2-3 reasons for OR against the strike (supporting evidence).
For each reason, explain why that reason supports your position on supporting or not supporting the strike (commentary details).
☐ Urge your listeners or audience members to take your position on the issue (central idea).
☐ Include powerful words and passion into your speech (word choice and tone).
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Part 2 - Argumentative Speech Activity: Imagine that you are at a community gathering where there are arguments for and against

# Los Espárragos

Asparagus p. 199-213



# For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence starters below.

- ☐ This quote reveals...
- ☐ This reminds me of...
- ☐ I want to know more about...because....
- ☐ The author is trying to...
- ☐ This quote describes...
- ☐ I can infer that...

- ☐ This is significance because...
- ☐ My interpretation of this is
- ☐ I agree or disagree because...
- ☐ This reveals the conflict because...

- ☐ I like the way the author demonstrates...
- ☐ I was confused by...
- ☐ A question I have is.... ☐ I learned...
- ☐ This surprised me because...

### Quote:

"Something seemed very wrong about sending people away from their own "free country" because they had spoken their minds." (208) What does this quote mean to you? Use sentence starters to analyze this powerful quote.

### **Literary Device:**

### **Imagery**

Below are two quotes from the book that describe the place where the strikers lived. One quote describes the camp when it is full of people, while the other quote shows the camp after the immigration raids. The author uses imagery in the descriptions to make the reader experience the scene.

### Before the Immigration Raid:

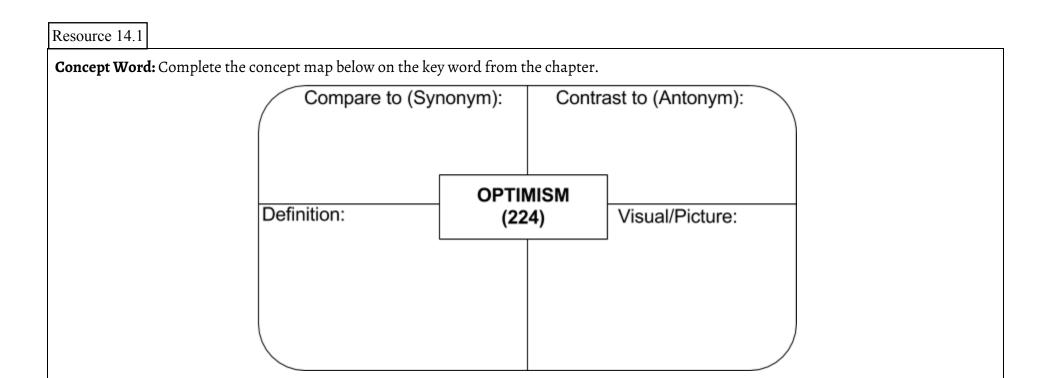
"There were only ten wooden toilet stalls for hundreds of people and Esperanza could smell the effects from the truck. Some people lived in tents but others had only burlap bags stretched between poles. Some were living in their cars or old trucks. Mattresses were on the ground, where people and dogs rested. A goat was tied to a tree. There was a long pipe that lay on top of the ground and a line of water spigots sticking up from it. Near each spigot were pots and pans and campfire rings, the making of outdoor kitchens. In an irrigation ditch, women were washing clothes, and children were bathing at the same time. Clotheslines ran everywhere. It was a great jumble of humanity and confusion" (p. 193).

### After the Immigration Raid:

"The field was still surrounded by the chainlink fence, but no one was protecting the entrance this time. All the evidence of people she had seen before was there, but not one person was to be seen. Laundry waved on the clothesline. Plates with rice and beans sat on crates and swarmed with busy flies. Shoes were lined up in front of tents, as if waiting for someone to step into them. The breeze picked up loose newspapers and

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Draw the scen	nes described above. Read the quotes multiple times to ma	ke sure you include the many details the author gives.
Task:	u an dananih ad ah awa . Dan daha ay aka maylkinda kimana ka may	
A piñata is usu had been beat		oses to end the chapter with the image of the beaten piñata writing, "It author chose to end with this image? What about this image is
Question:	(p. 222	5).
her eye. Dang		oat still tied to the tree, bleating for freedomSomething colorful caugh key piñata that she had given the children, its tissue streamers flutterin 213).
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### For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence Los Duraznos starters below. Peaches p. 214-233 ☐ This quote reveals... ☐ This is significance ☐ I like the way the author ☐ This reminds me of... demonstrates... because... ☐ I want to know more ☐ My interpretation of this ☐ I was confused by... about...because.... ☐ A question I have is.... ☐ I learned... ☐ The author is trying to... ☐ I agree or disagree ☐ This quote describes... because... ☐ This surprised me ☐ This reveals the conflict ☐ I can infer that... because... because... Quote: "Yes, you would have What does Esperanza mean? Use the sentence starters to respond. made a beautiful queen but that would have lasted for only one day. A day goes by fast, Isabel. And then it is over." (227) **Literary Device:** What literary device is being used? "As she thought about Papa, tears sprang from her eyes and she suddenly felt very weary, as if she had been clinging to a rope but didn't have the strength to hold What is being compared? on any longer" (p. 223).



### Literature Circle Roles

**Directions:** Throughout your reading of Esperanza Rising, you will meet with your peers in groups of four to discuss different parts of the novel. Below are the roles you are responsible for during your reading conversation. You will take turns rotating through the roles so that each time you meet you will have a different task for your conversation. Keep track of your meetings by taking notes on your group discussion sheet.



### **Discussion Director**

- 1. Lead the group's discussion in 2-3 questions:
  - a. Why do you think...?
  - b. What did \_\_\_\_\_ mean to you?
  - c. How do you feel about...?
- 2. Choose who will start & what order people will share and ask extra questions to keep the discussion going:
  - a. What are your thoughts?
  - b. Do you have any ideas to add?
- 3. Make sure everyone is on task.



#### Connector

- 1. Make connections between the book & your life.
  - a. Text to self: A connection I made to life was...
  - b. Text to text : A connection to a book/movie/song I made was...
  - c. Text to world: A connection to something happening in the world I made was...
- 2. Ask your group members to share their own connections.



### Visualizer

- 1. Visualizing means picturing something in your head.
- 2. You may:
  - a. *Draw a picture* of a scene or character in the book
  - b. Share a part of the book where the author really painted a picture in your head.
  - c. Write down good words that helped you visualize.



#### **Predictor**

- 1. Make a prediction about what will happen next.
- 2. Make inferences about characters & events.
  - a. Explain WHY you are making this prediction or inference.

<sup>\*</sup>Literature Circles for this novel should occur every 4-5 chapters.

# **Group Discussion Sheet Meeting #4**

Cnapter	10-13: pg.158 <sup>.</sup>	-233 Date:	
Names of Group Member:	Meeting #4 Role Assignment:		
1.	Predictor		
2.	Discussion Director		
3.	Connector		
4.	Visualizer		
<b>Directions</b> : Prepare your <b>not</b>	<b>es</b> for your discı	assion below.	
-	· ·	bers share their notes, listen and then	
summarize their ideas in the	matching boxes	2 halatti	
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#### For proverbs and quotes, please respond in complete sentences by using one of the following sentence Las Uvas starters below. Grapes p. 234-253 ☐ This quote reveals... ☐ This is significance ☐ I like the way the author ☐ This reminds me of... because... demonstrates... ☐ I want to know more ☐ My interpretation of this ☐ I was confused by... ☐ A question I have is.... about...because.... ☐ I agree or disagree ☐ I learned... ☐ The author is trying to... ☐ This quote describes... ☐ This surprised me because... ☐ This reveals the conflict ☐ I can infer that... because... because... Quote: "Miguel had been right, What has Esperanza learned from Miguel and her experiences? How has she changed from the beginning, about never giving up, and she middle, to end? had been right, too, about rising above those who held them down." (250) This proverb is used throughout the novel. Reflect on the struggles and triumphs of Esperanza's life. Papa Proverb: "Wait a little while and the fruit gave her the advice to "Wait a little while and the fruit will fall into your hand." Describe how she followed will fall into your hand" (p. 248). his advice. This quote from the novel ties into the title, Esperanza Rising, as well as the references to the mythical bird, **Literary Device:** "As the sun rose, Esperanza the phoenix. How is Esperanza like the phoenix, who rises from its ashes? began to feel as if she rose with it. Floating again, like that day on the mountain, when she first arrived in the valley. She closed her eyes, and this time she did not careen out of control. Instead, she glided above the earth, unafraid. She let herself be

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lifted into the sky, and she knew that she would not slip away" (249).	
	nd last chapters are named "Las Uvas." Why do you think the author chose to name the first and last chapters What is the author trying to say about time, new beginnings, growth, or transformation?
	arting over and new beginnings is emphasized many times. Think about the last sentence of the novel, when be afraid to start over" (p. 253). What do you think Esperanza means when she says this? How is this idea

### **Esperanza Rising** Plot Diagram

How is foreshadowing used in the plot?		What is the turn		What symbols or motifs are repeated throughout the plot?
Rising Action: What events create conflicts in Esperanza's life, and how does Esperanza react to those conflicts?		Climax	Falling A the main	ction: What events happen as conflict is resolved.
	Qising Acti	Identify the ma	nat Esperanza	Resolution  How does the story end?
Exposition  How does the book begin?		Internal Conflicts		
Setting - time:				THEME - What universal truth or lesson is explored through the story?

### Esperanza Rising Creative Project

**Directions:** Please read the following three options for your creative project. You must choose ONE option for your project. Be sure to include all of the requirements listed under each option. Checklists for each option are on the back of this sheet. Do your best work and use color, creativity, and your artistic skills. Your teacher may also have you present your project in front of your peers and display your projects in your classroom.

#### **OPTION #1 - PACK A SUITCASE!**

Pack a suitcase for Esperanza now that you know what challenges she will face in the United States. The suitcase can only include five things that she has gained throughout the novel. "Things" include both physical and non-physical items (such as character traits), and should not include items that Esperanza does not have access to (like an iphone or a million dollars). You can construct the suitcase with construction paper, a shoe box, or any other materials. You must be as creative as possible, since some of the "things" are not "physical" items. You must still represent them somehow in your suitcase.



Include a luggage tag that goes with your project. On the tag, you must write down the list of "things" that are in the suitcase, as well as why those items are inside. Please write complete sentences with good grammar and spelling. Remember, you must incorporate your knowledge of Esperanza's challenges as you carefully choose the items that go inside the suitcase.

#### **OPTION #2 - CREATE A RECIPE!**

Create a recipe that will nourish Esperanza and her mother as they face hardships in the United States. You should use at least 5 food and non-food ingredients that are significant to the plot. Create the food item with construction paper, clay, or any materials that you have access to. Since some of the ingredients are not actual food items (characteristic traits or qualities), you need to still represent them in a creative way. Don't forget spices and seasonings! You should name the food item, list out all the ingredients needed, the cooking time, temperatures (if applicable), and step-by-step instructions on how to prepare it. If you need some ideas on what a recipe looks like, go to allrecipes.com to see examples of recipes, and how they are written.





### OPTION #3 - COMPOSE AN "I AM" POEM and CREATE A COLLAGE!

Complete this poem in the perspective of Esperanza. You learned a lot about her character throughout the novel. The first stanza should represent her character in the **beginning** of the book. The second stanza should reflect her character in the **middle** of the book. The last stanza should reflect her character at the **end** of the book. After you have ideas for your poem, create a collage around it with pictures that connect to the poem. This project option can be done on a google slide or construction paper. Your teacher will have a resource available to show you the template of an "I am" poem.



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1 am				
I wonder				
l hear				
I want				
1 am				
l feel I touch				
l understand				
I say				
I dream				
I hope				

### Esperanza Rising Creative Project Checklist

After you have chosen the option you would like to create, please look over the checklist for that project. It is always a good idea to review a checklist before, during, and after you complete a project. This will help ensure that you included all of the elements that your teacher expects of you.

DUE DATE:

# OPTION #1 - PACK A SUITCASE! CHECKLIST

- □ 5 or more physical and non-physical items are included in the suitcase.
- ☐ The items inside the suitcase reflect the items and qualities that Esperanza needs to be successful in the United States. Every item must be relevant (on-topic) to the hook.
- ☐ The suitcase is made out of construction paper, a shoe-box, or any other materials that show creativity and effort.
- The luggage tag includes a list of the items inside the suitcase, as well as explanations on why those items are included.
- ☐ There is correct spelling and grammar on the luggage tag.
- ☐ The items, suitcase, and luggage tag are completed neatly and show effort.
- ☐ You have practiced your oral presentation of the suitcase and its contents.

# OPTION #1 - CREATE A RECIPE! CHECKLIST

- □ 5 or more food and non-food items are included in the dish.
- The ingredients listed for the recipe include food items and qualities that are going to nourish Esperanza and her mother as they experience a new life of challenges in the United States. All of the ingredients must be relevant (on-topic) to the book.
- ☐ The actual dish (salad, soup, burrito, etc...) is made out of construction paper, clay, cardboard, or any materials that show creativity and effort. Please do not use "real" food, as it will spoil and rot inside the classroom.
- ☐ The recipe includes the title of the dish, a list of ingredients, the cooking time, spices and seasonings, temperatures, and step-by-step instructions on how to prepare it.
- ☐ There is correct spelling and grammar.
- ☐ The dish and recipe show neatness and effort.
- ☐ You have practiced your oral presentation of the recipe.

### OPTION #3 - COMPOSE AN "I AM" POEM and CREATE A COLLAGE! CHECKLIST

- ☐ There are three completed stanzas in the poem. The first stanza must correlate with Esperanza's character at the beginning, the second stanza should be about her in the middle of the story, and the last stanza should connect to Esperanza's character at the end of the novel.
- All of the lines reflect Esperanza's character as explored in the text (everything must be on-topic, relevant, and based on the book).
- ☐ The collage connects directly with the poem.
- ☐ The collage is completed creatively with colorful pictures and an interesting lay-out.
- $\Box$  There is correct spelling and grammr.
- ☐ The collage and "I am" poem can be completed electronically (google slides) or on construction paper, depending on your teacher's directions.
- Both your collage and poem should show neatness and creativity.
- ☐ You have practiced your oral presentation of the poem and collage.

### Esperanza Rising Creative Project - Optional Templates (for teachers to print out)-- Suitcase Luggage Tag

NAME:	DEPARTING FROM:ARRIVING TO:	
CONTENTS:	REASONS:	
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# Esperanza Rising Creative Project - Optional Templates (for teachers to print out)

# Recipe Card

TITLE OF RECIPE: Preparation time:	Cooking Time:	Serves:peop
Ingredients:	Directions:	

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# Esperanza Rising Creative Project - Optional Templates (for teachers to print out)

# "I Am" Poem template

First Stanza (Esperanza's character at the beginning)  I am	and
I wonder	<del></del>
I hear	
I see	
I	<del></del>
want	
I am (first line of the poem repeated)	·
Second Stanza (Esperanza's character in the middle)  I pretend	
I feel	··································

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Itouch	
I worry	
I cry	
I am (first line of poem repeated)	.•
Third Stanza(Esperanza's character at the end)  I understand	
I say	
I dream	•
I try	
I am (first line of poem repeated)	, <b>•</b>

Resource 15.4

# Characterization Matrix: Esperanza at the *End* of the Novel

DIRECTIONS: Find examples of indirect characterization for **Esperanza** from the text. Copy those examples into the "Evidence" column then indicate what trait is shown in the "Trait" column.

	Traits	Evidence
Direct Characterization		
		Indirect Characterization (T.A.B.L.E.S.)
<u>T</u> houghts and <u>E</u> motions		
<u>A</u> ctions		
<u>B</u> ackground		
<u>L</u> ooks		
Effect on Others		
<u>S</u> peech		

Resource 16.1

# Summative Assessments Assessment I: Informative/Explanatory Essay

As the title states, Esperanza rises above countless challenging experiences. Write an informative essay identifying how she changes over the course of the novel. Use textual evidence to show how her personality changed. Be sure to include examples from the beginning, middle, and end of the novel. You may use the work you've done over the course of the novel to assist you while you write.

#### **Essay Structure**

#### Introduction:

Hook

T.A.G.S.

Thesis at the end of the paragraph

#### **Body Paragraphs:**

Topic Sentence

Concrete Detail #1

Commentary #1

Concrete Detail #2

Commentary #2

Concluding Sentence

#### Conclusion:

All commentary

Includes a final thought

#### **Description of Essay Terms**

#### Introduction:

*Hook:* Interests the reader. This can be a question, quote, definition, story, etc.

*T.A.G.S.:* Include the <u>t</u>itle, <u>a</u>uthor, <u>g</u>enre, and say <u>s</u>omething about the novel that is related to the topic of the essay

Thesis: State the topic and the big ideas you are using to explain the topic

#### **Body Paragraphs:**

Your essay will have <u>two to three</u> body paragraphs, depending on your teacher's directions.

Topic Sentence: Introduces the big idea that is being discussed in this paragraph

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Concrete Detail #1: A fact quoted or paraphrased from the novel. May start with "For example."

Commentary #1: Say something about the concrete detail - what does it mean?

Concrete Detail #2: A fact quoted or paraphrased from the novel. May start with "In addition."

Commentary #2: Say something about the concrete detail - what does it mean? Concluding Sentence: Commentary that refers back to the topic sentence and rephrases the main idea

#### **Conclusion:**

Brings all the ideas from the essay together.

Relates to the thesis statement.

There are no new facts in this paragraph.

#### Reminders:

Create a "Do/What" chart, so that your essay will fulfill the requirements of the
prompt.
Create an outline for your essay before you start writing.
Be on topic. Always be sure that you are focusing on your thesis statement
throughout the entire essay.
Use transition words.
Use scholarly language and the concept words from the novel.
Use textual evidence throughout the essay. Please do not simply write out
quotes. Use your own words, and always provide commentary and analysis.
Use good spelling and grammar.
Proofread your essay before turning it in.
Your teacher may require you to type your essay. Please be sure to ask your
teacher about formatting and how you should turn it in.
Do your best!

ESSAY OUTLINE	Resource 16.2				
Introduction:					
Body Parag	graph 1:	Bo	ody Paragraph 2:	Body Paragraph 3:	
Conclusion:					

ROUGH DRAFT OF **ESPERANZA RISING** ESSAY + REVISION ACTIVITY (*Adapted from AVID*)

Resource 16.3

Highlighting for Peer Response
Use different colors (according to your teacher's directions) to find each of these in the rough draft on your left. This activity is designed to help you see a
visual layout of what your essay is composed of. For example, if your essay does not have enough analysis, this means you need to
incorporate more analysis into your final draft.
COLOR: Topic or Thesis (your main argument in the essay)
COLOR: Text Support (any examples, paraphrased ideas, or quotes from the text)
COLOR: Commentary (How does the writer ANALYZE what the text says?) - Analysis
is NOT repetition. Analysis is how the writer connects and explains the textual evidence to the main argument.

Writer's Reflection: What revisions or corrections
should I make based on the peer response highlighting
feedback?

Word Choice: What words should I switch out to make my essay more descriptive? Do I have any words such as "stuff" or "things" in this essay? What words from the novel should I use in this essay?

Read it and hear it: Try reading your essay out lour and listen to what you are reading. If there are any moments where you pause because your sentence structure or your explanations did not make sense, go ahead and make the revisions (changes) that would make it is sound better Be sure to read your entire essay out loud to hear it. Sometimes, what we write does not effectively capture what we mean. That's wry is important to read your essay and made changes.    Initial here after you have read your essay and made changes.
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#### **Character Analysis Essay Sentence Frames** (Source: AVID)

You can use any of these sentence frames if you need extra help starting your sentences in your essay.

- In the (type of work) (title) by (author), (Character name) shows (trait) as she/he ...
- The author tells the reader that...
- This demonstrates (Character)'s (trait) because...
- When the author says ("quotation" or paraphrased example), the reader infers that (Character) is (trait) because...
- Another trait (Character) exhibits is...
- An example (Character)'s (trait) is....
- (Character)'s ability to illustrates....
- That narrator's comment, "(quote)," suggests that (Character)...
- Even though the other characters don't describe (Character), the reader can infer that... because...
- Early in the story, the reader knows that (Character) ....when....
- Something (Character) does that gives the reader a glimpse of his/her personality is...
- When (Character)...., his/her (trait) becomes clear.
- Although the author never comes right out and says so, the reader can tell that... because ...
- Through what (Other Character or the author) says about (Character), the reader can determine...

#### Other words to use instead of "says" or "states":

Sometimes when writing essays with textual evidence, the phrases "The author states..." or "a character says," are used repeatedly. Let's try to use varied words to bring in textual evidence!

argues	explains	requests	worries	ends	announces	declares	observes
asserts	comments	reasons	whispers	starts	admits	demands	questions
exclaims	confesses	thanks	yells	continues	begins	implies	points out
describes	proposes	warns	screams	reveals	clarifies	instructs	replies
illustrates	reminds	concludes	cries	affirms	cautions	maintains	remarks
answers	remembers	reveals	shouts	acknowledges	continues	notes	suggests
asks	remarks	wonders	promises	addresses	contributes	notifies	utters

Resource 16.4 Transition	Words and Ph	rases	, <del>L</del>	as a result	for	consequently
in the first place	again	moreover	Effect / Result / Consequence	under those circumstances	thus	therefore
not only but also	to	as well as	/ R	in that case	because the	thereupon
as a matter of fact	and	together with	fect	for this reason	then	forthwith
in like manner	also	of course	置ら	henceforth	hence	accordingly
in addition	then	likewise				
coupled with	equally	comparatively				
in the same fashion / way	identically	correspondingly		although this may be true	but	although
first, second, third	uniquely	similarly	5	in contrast	(and) still	instead
in the light of	like	furthermore	Opposition / Limitation / Contradiction	different from	unlike	whereas
not to mention	as	additionally	rad	of course, but	or	despite
to say nothing of	too		Son Son	on the other hand	(and) yet	conversely
equally important			) 	on the contrary	while	otherwise
by the same token			atio	at the same time	albeit	however
			a Et	in spite of	besides	rather
			<u>'</u>	even so / though	as much as	nevertheless
			tion	be that as it may	even though	nonetheless
in other words	notably	in fact	iso	then again		regardless
to put it differently	including	in general	ddo	above all		notwithstanding
for one thing	like	in particular		in reality		
as an illustration	to be sure	in detail		after all		
in this case	namely	to demonstrate				
for this reason	chiefly	to emphasize		in the examt that	if	in acco
to put it another way	truly	to repeat		in the event that		in case
that is to say	indeed	to clarify		granted (that)	then	provided that
with attention to	certainly	to explain	Φ	as / so long as	unless	given that
by all means	surely	to enumerate	Cause / Condition / Purpose	on (the) condition (that) for the purpose of	when	only / even if so that
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important to realize	markedly	such as	/uc	with this in mind	since	owing to
another key point	especially	for example	₩	in the hope that	while	due to
first thing to remember	specifically	for instance	ŏ	to the end that	Willie	due to
most compelling evidence	expressively	to point out	e/	for fear that	because of	inasmuch as
must be remembered	surprisingly	with this in mind	ans	in order to	as	iliasiliucii as
point often overlooked	frequently		Ő	seeing / being that	since	
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#### 6th Grade SAUSD ELA Writing Rubric

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#### Informational/Explanatory (CCSS Writing #2)

Criterion	Standard Exceeded	Standard Met	Standard Met Standard Nearly Met		Not Met
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Focus  CCSS -W:	<ul> <li>Insightfully addresses all aspects of the prompt</li> <li>Introduces topic(s) in a sophisticated thesis statement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Competently addresses all aspects of the prompt</li> <li>Introduces topic(s) in a clear thesis statement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Superficially addresses all aspects of the prompt</li> <li>Introduces topic(s) in a thesis statement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partially addresses all aspects of the prompt</li> <li>Introduces superficial or flawed topic(s) in a weak thesis statement or lacks a thesis statement</li> </ul>	Minimally addresses all aspects of the prompt     Fails to introduce a relevant topic(s) and/or lacks a thesis statement
Organization/ Structure  CCSS – W:  2a 2c 2c 4	Skillfully orients reader to topic(s) in introduction and previews what is to follow Thoroughly develops topic(s) with relevant body paragraphs Provides a meaningful and reflective conclusion that follows from and supports information or explanation presented Clarifies relationships through skillful use of transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses within or between paragraphs	Orients reader to topic(s) in introduction and previews what is to follow Develops topic(s) with relevant body paragraphs Provides a conclusion that follows from and supports information or explanation presented Clarifies relationships through transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses within or between paragraphs	Partially orients reader to topic(s) in introduction and previews what is to follow     Superficially develops topic(s) with relevant body paragraphs     Provides a conclusion which repetitively or partially follows from and supports information or explanation presented     Clarifies relationships through transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses within or between paragraphs	Inadequately orients reader to topic(s) in introduction and/or fails to preview what is to follow Inadequately develops topic(s) with minimal body paragraphs Provides a sense of closure, but may weakly articulate significance of the topic Uses limited or inappropriate transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses	Fails to orient reader to topic(s) in introduction or introduction is missing     Fails to develop topic(s) with body paragraphs     Provides an inadequate conclusion or omits conclusion     Uses few to no transition/linking words, phrases, or clauses     Includes little or no discernible organization of ideas
Development  CCSS -W:  2 2 2b 9	<ul> <li>Skillfully develops the topic using well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotes, and other information and examples that are pertinent and substantial</li> <li>Shows insightful understanding of topic or text</li> <li>Effectively integrates and cites credible sources*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develops the topic using well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotes, and other information and examples that are relevant and sufficient</li> <li>Shows competent understanding of topic or text</li> <li>Competently integrates and cites credible sources*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develops the topic using facts, definitions, concrete details, quotes, and other information and examples that are limited or superficial</li> <li>Shows superficial understanding of topic or text</li> <li>Ineffectively integrates and cites sources*</li> </ul>	Provides inadequate and/or irrelevant evidence to develop the topic     Shows limited or flawed understanding of topic or text     Incorrectly integrates/cites sources	Provides inaccurate, little, or no evidence to support topic     Shows no and/or inaccurate understanding of topic or text     Does not use or cite sources*
Language  CCSS – L:**	Skillfully uses varied sentence structure     Contains minimal to no errors in conventions(grammar, punctuation, spelling, capitalization)     Strategically uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose	Uses correct and varied sentence structure     Contains few, minor errors in conventions     Competently uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose	Uses mostly correct and some varied sentence structure     Contains some errors in conventions which may cause confusion     Usually uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose	Uses limited and/or repetitive sentence structure Contains numerous errors in conventions which cause confusion Inadequately uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose	Lacks sentence mastery     (e.g., fragments/run-ons)     Contains serious and     pervasive errors in     conventions     Fails to use academic and     domain-specific     vocabulary clearly     appropriate for the     audience and purpose

<sup>\*</sup>if applicable
\*\*please refer to CCSS Language Progressive Skills, by grade

Resour	ce 16.5 ELA 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rubric Al	lignment to CCSS	
Strand	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Standards	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Standards	
Writing	<ol> <li>Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.         <ol> <li>Introduce a topic or thesis statement; organize ideas, concepts, and information</li> <li>Using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. CA</li> <li>Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</li> <li>Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</li> <li>Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</li> <li>Establish and maintain a formal style.</li> <li>Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <li>Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</li> <li>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.         <ol> <li>Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres [e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories] in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics").</li> </ol> </li> <li>Apply grade 6 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not").</li>	<ol> <li>Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.         <ol> <li>Introduce a topic or thesis statement clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information,</li> <li>Using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</li> <li>Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</li> <li>Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</li> <li>Establish and maintain a formal style.</li> <li>Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</li> <li>Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.         <ol> <li>Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history").</li> <li>Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims").</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
Language	<ol> <li>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (1a-1c are more specific to grammar instruction and are, therefore, not written on this document.)</li> <li>Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (Details of 2a and 2b are not written on this document.)</li> </ol>	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (1a-1c are more specific to grammar instruction and are, therefore, not written on this document.)      Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (Details of 2a and 2b are not written on this document.)	
		3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking, reading,	

Papers receiving a 0 are unable to be scored for one of the following reasons: illegibility, no response (blank), completely off topic, written in a language other than English.

or listening.

3. Use knowledge of language and its conventions when writing, speaking,

a. Vary sentence patterns for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.\*

reading, or listening.

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a. Choose language that expresses ideas precisely and concisely, recognizing

and eliminating wordiness and redundancy.

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# **Socratic Seminar Guidelines**

#### **Before the Seminar**

Read and prepare your text before the seminar using the Critical Reading Process (as developed in The Write Path English Language Arts: Exploring Texts with Strategic Reading).

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- 1. Make sure you **understand your purpose for reading**. Follow the teacher's reading prompt, if provided.
- 2. **Pre-read** by previewing the text and determining how it is structured, thinking about any background information you already know or you discussed in class and noticing the questions you have before you read.
- 3. **Interact with the text** so you read it closely. This includes annotating by:

Marking the text

- · Number the paragraphs
- · Circle key terms
- Underline important parts of the text that are connected to your purpose for reading

Writing in the margins

- · Write notes in the margins or use sticky notes to write your thoughts and questions
- Use Cornell notes, a dialectical journal or some other form of note-taking to keep track of your thoughts, being careful to note passages/paragraph numbers, page numbers, etc. You want to easily reference the text.
- 4. **Extend beyond the text** by writing several open-ended, higher-level questions that have no single right answer and will encourage discussion. Areas to consider for questions:
  - Ask "Why?" about the author's choices in the text, about a character's motivation, about a situation described in the text, etc.
  - Ask about viewpoint or perspectives (realist, pessimist, optimist, etc.).
  - Examine the title or tone of the text or connect to current issues, theme, etc.
  - Ask, "If the author were alive today, how would he or she feel about...?"
  - Ask questions that explore your own interpretation of the reading.
  - Ask about importance: "So what  $\dots$ ?" "What does it matter that  $\dots$ ?" "What does it mean that  $\dots$ ?"

## **During the Seminar**

Use all of your close reading to participate in a discussion that helps you understand the text at a deeper level. Be ready to discuss the text like the scholar you are!

- 1. Be prepared to participate and ask good questions. The quality of the seminar is diminished when participants speak without preparation.
- 2. Show respect for differing ideas, thoughts and values—no put-downs or sarcasm.
- 3. Allow each speaker enough time to begin and finish his or her thoughts—don't interrupt.
- 4. Involve others in the discussion and ask others to elaborate on their responses (See Student Handout: Academic Language Scripts for Socratic Seminar).



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- 5. Build on what others say. Ask questions to probe deeper, clarify, paraphrase and add and synthesize a variety of different views in your own summary. Examples:
  - Ask questions to probe deeper: "Juan makes me think of another point: why would the author include...?" or "Sonya, what makes you think that the author meant...?"
  - Clarify: "I think what Stephanie is trying to say is..." or "I'm not sure I understand what you are saying, Jeff. What is...?"
  - Paraphrase and add: "Lupe said that... I agree with her and also think..."
  - **Synthesize:** "Based on the ideas from Tim, Shanequia and Maya, it seems like we all think that the author is..."
- 6. Use your best active listening skills: nod, make eye contact, lean forward, provide feedback and listen carefully to others.
- 7. Participate openly and keep your mind open to new ideas and possibilities.

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- 8. Refer to the text often and give evidence and examples to support your response. Example: "The author has clearly stated in line 22 that..."
- 9. Discuss the ideas of the text, not each other's opinions or personal experiences.
- 10. Take notes about important points you want to remember or new questions you want to ask.

## **After the Seminar**

#### Think about what you've learned as a result of participating in the Socratic Seminar.

1. **Summarize:** Use writing to think about and **summarize the content** of the seminar, especially to capture new understandings of the text.

#### **Examples of Summary Questions/Prompts:**

- Based on this seminar, what are the most important points about this text?
- How does my understanding of the text connect to other things I'm learning?
- What major ideas do I better understand about this text because of this seminar?
- There are three main ideas I'm taking away from this seminar...
- 2. **Reflect:** Use writing to think about and **reflect on the process** of the seminar—both your contribution and the group's process.

#### **Examples of Reflection Questions/Prompts:**

- How did I contribute to this discussion—what did I add to it?
- What guestions do I now have as a result of this seminar?
- Who helped move the dialogue forward? How?
- At what point did the seminar lapse into debate/discussion rather than dialogue? How did the group handle this?
- Did anyone dominate the conversation? How did the group handle this?
- What would I like to do differently as a participant the next time I am in a seminar?
- 3. **Set Goals:** Be prepared to set goals for improvement in the next seminar.

#### **Examples of Goal-Setting Questions/Prompts:**

- · What will I do differently to make the next seminar better?
- Two things I will do in the next seminar to be a more active listener...
- To be better prepared for the seminar, I will do \_\_\_\_\_ with the text



### **Assessment II: Socratic Seminar**

**DIRECTIONS:** As part of the final assessment, you will be participating in a Socratic Seminar. Please be sure to read through the AVID Socratic Seminar guidelines and be prepared with your questions and answers beforehand. The following questions will be used during our Socratic Seminar. In order to prepare, please answer these questions on the following handout using quotes (with page numbers) and examples from the text. Your answers should be several sentences long.

- 1. Do you think that Esperanza and her mother made the right choice to leave Mexico? Might they have had a better life in Mexico than in California?
- 2. Compare the conditions of the Mexican immigrants in the novel with immigrants from Mexico today. How have things changed? How have they stayed the same?
- 3. One of the major themes of the book is, "There is no rose without thorns" (p. 14). Do you agree or disagree? Do you think there is such a thing as a perfect life? Why or why not?
- 4. At the beginning of the novel, Esperanza tells Miguel that a deep river runs between them (p. 18). What does the river symbolize? Is there still a river between them at the end? Why or why not?
- 5. The novel ends with these words, spoken by Esperanza: "Do not ever be afraid to start over." What do these words tell us about Esperanza's character at the end of the book? How has she changed? What has she learned?

You can also come up with your own questions that you can ask during the Socratic Seminar. You are allowed to ask questions based on any or all of the texts reviewed in class, such as the non-fiction articles, photographs, and the novel. Your participation will be graded. Try your best to speak up at least three times, whether you are asking a question, answering a question, or responding to someone else's ideas.

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SOCRATIC SEMINAR PLANNING GUIDE				
Questions I can ask (based on the text):	Answers I have prepared:			
NOTES:				

# **Socratic Seminar Observation Form**

Your Name				Partner							
Directions: Each time your partner does one of the following, put a check in the box.											
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# Socratic Seminar Self-Assessment Participant

Name:	Seminar Text:							
• 1 0	formance in today's seminar using the following criteria.  2 = Showing Progress  1 = Needs Improvement							
I read the text closely	y, marked the text, and took notes in advance.							
I came prepared with	h higher level questions related to the text.							
I contributed several i	relevant comments.							
I cited specific evider	ence from the text to support an idea.							
I asked at least one th	houghtful, probing question.							
I questioned or asked	d someone to clarify their comment.							
I built on another pers	rson's idea by restating, paraphrasing, or synthesizing.							
I encouraged other pa	participants to enter the conversation.							
I treated all other part	rticipants with dignity and respect.							
Overall Score (circle one):	: 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4							
Two goals I have for our no.	next seminar are:							
2.								
An area where I would lik	ke help:							