

MARCUS VEGA DOESN'T SPEAK SPANISH

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7th GRADE SUMMER READING PACKET

NAME: _____ ID: _____

During the 2023 Summer Recess, all continuing seventh-graders will read *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya. The following questions are to help guide readers through the novel and focus their understanding on important details.

Students, please answer each of the following questions in complete sentences. Do your best to find the correct information from the book. Notice that almost every chapter has a question to answer. It will help if you read the question before beginning the chapters, so you know what to look for. Also, respond as soon as you find the right answer.

All packets will be collected by your language arts teacher during the first two weeks of school. Besides the packet, students will take an Accelerated Reader test. Completing this packet and passing the Accelerated Reader test will make sure students have a successful beginning to MacArthur language arts class!

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CHAPTERS 1-6

While reading Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading – Last year, you finished your first year of intermediate school. How did it go? What was your favorite part about sixth grade? What were some obstacles that you faced?

Chapter 1) Marcus spends most of the chapter explaining the business he runs at school. What does Marcus do? How is he making money from the other students?

Chapter 2) At the end of the school day, the readers are introduced to Marcus's brother, Charlie. What do we learn about Charlie and the obstacles he faces at school?

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Chapter 3) What is "Cookie Monster Cash"? Why does Marcus think it is important to contribute the money he earns at school to the fund?

Chapters 4 & 5) A conflict builds between Stephen and Marcus. What is the cause of this conflict? What is the result of the altercation?

Chapter 6) This chapter is *THE IF FACTOR*. What is the "if" that Marcus is concerned about? Why is it so important to him and his family?

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CHAPTERS 7-II

While reading Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading – What's the farthest you have ever traveled? What do you remember about that trip? Did you get on an airplane, did your family drive, or take some other form of transportation? Summarize your memory of that trip below.

Chapter 7) Marcus's mother decides that the family will visit Puerto Rico during Spring Break. What are the details of the trip? How are they getting there, where are they staying? What does Marcus want to get out of the trip?

Chapter 8) What thoughts does Marcus have about the airplane and airport as they travel to Miami?

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Chapter 9) What emails has Marcus sent to his father so far? What is he trying to communicate to his father?

Chapters 10 & 11) What does Marcus think about San Juan as they arrive? Where will he and his family be staying? How does it compare to his home?

Chapters 10 & 11) Marcus meets his Tio Ermenio. What is Ermenio like; what are some of his traits and characteristics? Who else does Marcus meet at the Hostel where Ermenio lives?

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CHAPTERS 12-16

While reading Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading – Whether it is through travel, or visiting with family members or friends, we often get introduced to new foods. What are some new or unfamiliar foods you have been introduced to? Have you enjoyed them? Why or why not?

Chapter 12) Sergio finally reveals to Marcus an important update on where his father might be. What does Sergio tell Marcus about his father? What does Sergio's opinion about Marcus's father seem to be?

Chapter 13) Why do Marcus and his family head to Orocovis? What's there? How is it different than San Juan?

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Chapter 14) After visiting the farm and meeting Darma, Marcus again hears about some of his father's past plans. What did Darma have to say about Marcus's father and plans? Why did Darma believe Marcus's father would struggle with farming?

Chapter 15) Charlie is a big fan of the 1971 movie, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Towards the end of chapter 15, he refers to Marcus as "Slugworth", who is an enemy of Willy Wonka. Why does Charlie characterize Marcus this way? What had happened to upset him?

Chapter 16) Marcus's mother finally realizes that she needs to help Marcus meet his father. Why? What changed her mind? Where will they head next as they continue their tour through Puerto Rico?

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CHAPTERS 17-22

While reading Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya, answer each of the following questions in complete sentences.

Connection before reading – People take pictures when they are with family, visit new cities or countries, and want to record memories. What are some of your favorite pictures that you or your family have taken? Who were you with? Where were you? Why is it memorable?

Chapter 17) While at Tio Pepe's in Manati, Sergio comments that Marcus has really opened up, that he had "spoken more than all your words combined in the last three days" (Cartaya 187). What were they talking about? Why did Marcus finally open up to Sergio?

Chapter 18) Even though Marcus's father is now only 25-minutes away, it is quite a challenge for them to get to the resort where he's at. Why? How do they overcome the obstacle?

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Chapter 19) Marcus finally meets his father. What kind of person is his father? What do they talk about? How does it compare to what Marcus had wanted throughout the course of the novel?

Chapter 21) Marcus exchanges a final email but not to his father, instead to his friend Danny. What had Danny written to Marcus? How did Marcus respond? What does Marcus attach in his email to Danny?

Chapter 22) How is Marcus different at the end of the novel from the beginning? Do you think he has become a better person? Why or why not?
