



Esperanza Rising

Post-Reading Response Prompts



After you finish reading *Esperanza Rising*, choose five of the following prompts to respond to.

A.	Notice the names of the chapters in this book. What do they have in common? How are they important to the story?
B.	Esperanza and Papa share a deep love of the land. Describe the points in the story when Esperanza seeks to feel the heartbeat of the land. How is each one important? How are they different?
C.	How is the zigzag crocheted blanket important to the story and the characters? Give specific examples from the text to support your answer.
D.	<i>Esperanza</i> is the Spanish word for hope. How does the title <i>Esperanza Rising</i> relate to the story?
E.	In Mexico, Esperanza tells Miguel that he and she live on opposite sides of a deep river that they cannot cross. How does this divide between them affect Miguel's attitude in the United States? Does this change by the end of the book? Explain.
F.	How does Esperanza's attitude about the strikers change, and why? Give specific examples from the story to support your answer.
G.	How does the friendship between Miguel and Esperanza change from the beginning to the end of the story?
H.	How is Esperanza's vision for her future different at the end of the book than it is at the beginning of it?
I.	Over the course of the book, how does Esperanza's sense of home change? What is important to her about her home in Mexico? What matters most to her about her home in the camp?
J.	How does Esperanza's understanding of social issues, such as race, class, justice, and equality, change over the course of the story?