



Esperanza Rising

Esperanza's Homes

The novel *Esperanza Rising* begins with Esperanza and her parents at home on their beautiful farm, El Rancho de las Rosas, in Aguascalientes, Mexico. After a tragic turn of events, Esperanza and her mother move to the San Joaquin Valley in California to work and live in a company farm camp. Esperanza's transition between these two homes—from a life of wealth and privilege to a life of poverty and work—is a major focus of the novel.

DIRECTIONS: Create a visual representation of both of Esperanza's homes—El Rancho de las Rosas and the farm camp. You might choose to draw them, paint them, or even create three-dimensional models of them. Use specific details from the text to help you bring the two settings to life.

Each visual model should include the following:

- the house/building Esperanza lives in
- the farmland surrounding the home, including specific crops
- the landscape, including any specific landforms
- other houses or buildings on the property
- something to indicate who else lives in or near the home



Use the chart below to collect details from the text about both of Esperanza's homes. Then, use your notes to create a detailed visual model of each.

<p style="text-align: center;">El Rancho de las Rosas, Aguascalientes, Mexico</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Company farm camp, San Joaquin Valley, California</p>