

ESPERANZA RISING



5th grade
Common
Core
Novel Study

Esperanza Rising

Chapters 1-5

1. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.1 According to the text what made the harvest Esperanza's favorite time of year?

- A. She admired the activity of the workers.
- B. She got to cut the first grapes from the vines.
- C. Her birthday fiesta was after the harvest.
- D. Everyone cheered "Ole! Ole!"

2. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.1 PART A: How does Esperanza feel about her father being late?

Part B: Select the phrases from the text that support your answer.

3. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.2 Read the following paragraph.

She took a quivery breath. As she told the story, she watched the grief twist Senor Rodriguez's face and overtake him as he sat down on the patio bench shaking his head. She felt as if she were in someone else's body, watching a sad scene but unable to help.

What does the passage suggest about how Esperanza was feeling when she told Senor Rodriquez about her father?

- A. She understood that others were devastated by her father's death.
- B. She thought he was upset because he would not be paid for the papayas.
- C. She did not understand how he could be so upset when he was not part of her family.
- D. She wanted him to leave so she could go to her room and cry.

4. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.5.2 Which statement correctly summarizes the rosaries, masses and funeral?
- A. Many people came to pay their respects but didn't stay long enough.
 - B. The flowers gave everyone a headache so they had to put outside.
 - C. Many people came to pay their respects and the house was full all day but nighttime was very difficult for Esperanza and her family.
 - D. Esperanza, Marisol and Esperanza's mother cried a lot when no one else was looking.
5. CCSS.ELA-LiteracyRL.5.3 Compare and contrast how Esperanza feels about Miguel before and after her father's death.

PART A: How does Esperanza feel about Miguel before her father's death?

- A. She wanted to marry him and told her parents that after her 15th birthday she would marry him.
- B. She was upset because he ignored her all the time.
- C. She told him that they could never be married because she was from a wealthy family and he was just a servant.
- D. She didn't pay any attention to him because he was just a peasant.

PART B: How does Esperanza feel toward Miguel when they are sitting in the garden after her father's death?

- A. She realized how much she had missed him.
- B. She was still angry because he had been ignoring her.
- C. She was afraid that now they couldn't get married.
- D. She was confused about why everything had changed.

6. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.4 Read the following sentences from the text.

You could move to some other part of Mexico, but in poverty. Luis's influence is far reaching.

What does the author reveal with this sentence?

- A. Luis would find her and bring her back to the ranch.
- B. The people of the village would be unwilling to help her because they fear Luis.
- C. Luis was a very powerful man and no one in Mexico would be willing to help her.
- D. Her only option is to marry Luis.

7. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.5 PART A: How do chapters *Las Uvas Grapes* and *Las Guayabas Guavas* contribute to your understanding Esperanza?

PART B: Select details from each chapter to support your response.

8. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.6 What does the reader know about the Esperanza because the narrator tells the story from her point of view?

- A. She worries about what will happen to her now that everything is gone.
- B. She is upset at her momma for agreeing to marry Luis.
- C. She is angry with her father because he left them.
- D. She will miss her friends at her old school.

9. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.3 How do Esperanza and Miguel feel when Carmen gets off the train and helps the crippled Indian?

- A. Esperanza is happy that she helped, Miguel is angry.
- B. Esperanza is confused that she helped, Miguel said the poor help those that have less than they do.
- C. Esperanza understands that the poor help others that have less than they do, Miguel thinks only rich people help others.
- D. Esperanza was too sad to care what Carmen did, Miguel was upset with Esperanza.

10. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.4 Read the following sentence.

It had taken every day of three weeks to put the harvest to bed and now everyone anticipated the celebration.

What does the phrase **every day of three weeks to put the harvest to bed** mean?

- A. The harvest was not successful so they gave up decided to celebrate anyway.
- B. The harvest was long and hard and the workers could finally rest and celebrate.
- C. The harvest was not over but they knew they had to celebrate Esperanza's birthday.
- D. The harvest was longer than last year's harvest.