

Summer Reading Assignments

Book Selection:

Esperanza Rising

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Dear future 6th graders,

As you read *Esperanza Rising*, you are to keep a journal of responses to the questions/task below. Please **TYPE your responses and print them out** OR you will be able to post them to google classroom the first week of school. Either way, you must label each entry with the journal entry number. Entries should be in complete sentences. Each entry should be **AT LEAST 6 SENTENCES**.

Journaling:

Journal Entry 1: Before reading the book, **write a letter in your journal**. Think of a time when you had a big change in your life. Did you move to a new school? Live in a new community? In your letter, advise a student who might be facing the same change you faced. What advice would you give him or her? What was hard about the change? What was exciting about the change?

Journal Entry 2: After reading through page 30, answer the following in your journal: Tio Luis brought back Papa's belt buckle. What did this probably mean? What probably happened to Papa?

Journal Entry 3: After reading through page 55, answer the following in your journal: Why did everyone laugh when Esperanza said that she could work, too?

Journal Entry 4: How does Esperanza react to the people on the train? How would you react? How does this reaction influence your opinion about Esperanza? Find text to support your answers.

Journal Entry 5: After reading through page 125, answer the following in your journal: Marta said mean things when Esperanza tried to sweep. What does this show us about Marta? Why does Miguel try to teach Esperanza how to sweep?

Journal Entry 6: After reading through page 160, answer the following in your journal: Esperanza has met many challenges throughout the story, what is she facing now, and what do you predict will happen to her?

Journal Entry 7: After reading through page 215, answer the following in your journal: Why do you feel Esperanza helped Marta?

Journal Entry 8: After finishing the book, answer the following in your journal: What strengths does Esperanza discover she has? Do you think she would have discovered these strengths if things had been different with Papa? Why or why not?

Journal Entry 9: For this journal entry you need to illustrate your favorite scene from the book and write a few sentences that describe and explain your drawing.

Journal Entry 10:

Visit <https://www.pbs.org/video/latino-americans-episode-2-empire-dreams/>

And Visit <https://www.pbs.org/video/latino-americans-episode-3-war-and-peace/>

Watch Episode 2 and Episode 3.

Write 2-3 short paragraphs about what you have learned about Migrant workers as well as their influences on WWII.

Rubric

25 points total - Reading and Writing grades.

	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Fair (3-2)	Poor (1-0)
Content	Selected items that are important and help make content interesting; the details focus on the most important information. Choices help the reader see things in a new way.	Selected items that are important in discussing the activities for the week; the details help the reader see things about the items in interesting ways.	Select items and details that discuss the activities for the week, but they are not very important.	Select items and details that are not important or relevant.
Comprehensibility	Can understand all of what is being communicated	Can understand most of what is being communicated.	Can understand less than half of what is being communicated.	Can understand little of what is being communicated.
Organization	Journal entry is logical and effective.	Journal entry is generally logical and effective with a few minor problems.	Journal entry is somewhat illogical and confusing in places.	Journal entry lacks logical order and organization.
Effort	Exceeds the requirements of the assignment and has put care and effort into the process.	Fulfills all of the requirements of the assignment.	Fulfills some of the requirements of the assignment.	Fulfills few of the requirements of the assignment.
Grammar, Mechanics, spelling, and sentence structure	Journal is highly polished; no grammar or spelling errors.	Journal is polished; maximum of one grammar or spelling error.	Journal is adequate; maximum of two grammar or spelling errors.	Inadequate discussion; more than two spelling or grammar errors.