Can people truly change?
How?
Plan Your Schedule

My group members are: ____________________________________________

We plan to read *Esperanza Rising* and meet on these dates:

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Our Exchange meeting will be on this date: ________________.
Prepare to Read

Think About What You Know

Have you, or has someone you know, changed in some way? What happened? Explain.

Preview and Predict

• Look at the front cover.
• Read the book summary on the back cover.
• Read The Exchange question on the title page.
• Read page 7.

1. Why do you think Esperanza and Mama will have to leave Mexico?

2. Page through the book and look at the chapter names. What do you notice about them?
Use a Reading Strategy

Use a Problem and Solution Chart

As you read each chapter of *Esperanza Rising*, use a Problem and Solution Chart to show how Esperanza and her family and friends solve their problems.

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Respond to 1924 and Las Uvas

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response What surprised you most in this part of the story?

2. Comparisons How is Hortensia like Mama? How is she different?

3. Character What words would you use to describe Esperanza before Papa died?
Respond to Las Papayas

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response  Imagine you could speak to Tío Luis. What would you say?

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2. Simile  Reread page 43. How was Esperanza’s old life like dolls lined up in a row? Create a simile for how her life is now.

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3. Cause and Effect  Think about how the laws and customs in a country affect people’s lives. How would the story be different if Mama had been able to own land?

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Respond to Los Higos

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response Esperanza felt as if she had left Papa at the ranch. Tell about a place that reminds you of someone. Explain.

2. Metaphor Reread page 56. What did the zigzag of the blanket show? Where was Esperanza in her life?

3. Making Decisions If you were Mama, would you have decided to escape? Why or why not?
Respond to Las Guayabas

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. **Personal Response** How did you feel when Mama, Esperanza, and Hortensia were hiding in the wagon? Have you ever had a tense experience like that? Explain.

2. **Paraphrase** What did Carmen mean when she said on page 80, “I am poor, but I am rich”? 

3. **Inference** What did Miguel say about the color of a person’s skin? Why do you think Esperanza had never noticed this before?
Respond to Los Melones

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response Esperanza made a judgment about Marta when she met her. This is called a “first impression.” Tell about a time when you met someone and had a first impression. Did you judge that person correctly?

2. Character What did Marta say that hurt Esperanza? Do you think Marta should have said these things? Why or why not?

3. Comparisons How were the fields in California different from the land of Aguascalientes?
Respond to Las Cebollas

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. **Personal Response** How did this part of the story make you feel? Why?

2. **Mood** What was the feeling in the camp? What was life like for the workers?

3. **Opinion** Everyone in the camp knew about everyone else’s life. Do you think this was good or bad? Why?
Respond to Las Almendras

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. **Personal Response** Esperanza went to the *jamaica* even though she still felt foolish. Think about a time when you felt foolish. Was it hard to see people after that? What did you do?

2. **Metaphor** Why did Marta say that the workers were kittens? What did she want them to do?

3. **Making Decisions** If you were in Esperanza’s camp, would you have gone on strike? Why or why not?
Respond to Las Ciruelas

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response Esperanza took care of the babies and tried to help Mama when she got sick. Do you help people where you live? What do you do?

2. Monitor Reading Visualize what the dust storm looked like. Use your own words to describe what happened.

3. Inference After the dust storm, everyone went back to work as if nothing had happened. Why do you think the people acted like this?
Respond to Las Papas

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response Have you ever protested against something? What was it? What happened?

2. Character How did Esperanza feel about her old life?

3. Theme How do you think this chapter relates to the theme “Making It Through Tough Times”? 
Respond to Los Aguacates

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. **Personal Response** Which part of this chapter did you like the best?
   Which part did you like the least?

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2. **Making Decisions** Suppose Marta had asked you to join the strike. What would you have done?

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3. **Perspectives** Miguel took a railroad job from a worker who left to join the strike. If you were that worker, how would you feel about Miguel?

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Respond to Los Espárragos

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response  How did you feel when Esperanza helped Marta? Have you ever helped someone you didn’t really like?

2. Comparisons  Name one thing about Marta and Esperanza that is the same. Name one thing that is different.

3. Metaphor  On pages 214–215, what could the broken piñata represent?
Respond to Los Duraznos

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. Personal Response Esperanza gave her doll to Isabel. Have you ever given something you loved to a friend or stranger? What was it?

2. Perspectives The workers from Oklahoma were from the United States. How do you think they felt when they had to compete for jobs with workers from another country?

3. Simile Reread page 225. How was Esperanza’s life like the zigzag in the blanket? Is your life like a zigzag or a straight line? Why?
Respond to Las Uvas

Problem and Solution Chart


Think It Over

Think about what you read and answer these questions.

1. **Personal Response** How did the end of the book make you feel? Why?

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2. **Simile** Reread what Abuelita said about the phoenix on page 55 and what Esperanza thought about it on page 251. How was Esperanza like the phoenix?

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3. **Inference** On pages 95–96, Esperanza could not hear the heartbeat of the earth. Why could she feel it at the end of the story?

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