

Chapter 4

♥ LOS HIGOS (FIGS) ♥

❖ **Quickwrite:** Do you think that it is okay to lie sometimes? Why or why not? Explain your answer.

❖ **Vocabulary:** Fill in the blanks.

1. I was so _____ to get a good grade on my Math test that I studied all day.
2. I _____ put on a sweater to hide the ketchup stain on my shirt.
3. After the war, many people in the country suffered from _____, disease, and lack of food.
4. After I fell and bumped my head, I felt a little _____ so my mom told me to go to the doctor.

❖ **True or False:** Mark T for True and F for False.

1. The uncles burn Esperanza's house down. _____
2. Abuelita dies in the house fire. _____
3. Mama decides that they must move to California. _____
4. Esperanza is unable to save her dog from the fire. _____
5. Esperanza feels sad and angry as she leaves home. _____

❖ **Figurative Language:** Write one example of figurative language from this chapter. Explain what type of figurative language it is and how you know.



dated
poverty
secretly
defended

❖ **Comprehension and Analysis:** Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What disaster strikes at the beginning of the chapter? What decision does Mama make because of it? What feelings are associated with her decision?

2. Explain what causes everyone to laugh for the first time since Papa died. What does this new laugh tell you about Esperanza?

3. How does Esperanza feel as they leave their home? Use textual evidence to support your answer. Can you relate to her feelings? If so, how?

❖ **Beyond:** So far in the story, Esperanza has had to say good-bye to a lot of things that she cared about. Write about a time that you have said good-bye to someone or something. Illustrate it.

Features student work for every chapter:

- Quickwrite-Writing prompt related to the text.
- Vocabulary-Focus on 4 challenge words.
- True/False, Sequencing, & Multiple Choice questions.
- Standards Focus Question.
- Short Answer Questions.
- Beyond-Creative activities.

VOCABULARY PACKET

ESPERANZA RISING

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STUDENT CHAPTER PACKET

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ABOUT THE STUDENT CHAPTER PACKET

The student work for every 3-5 chapters contains both comprehension and vocabulary. Each part includes the following sections:

- 1. Quickwrite:** A great idea is to have the students free-write here BEFORE reading the chapters. This gets their minds warmed up and thinking in the direction that the chapters will take them. This also helps them to connect the concepts in the story to themselves.
- 2. Vocabulary:** The students practice with four new words that are chosen for you from every set of chapters. Synonyms, antonyms, and context clues are among the skills included.
- 3. True/False, Multiple Choice, or Sequencing:** Two sets of these types of questions are included for each section.
- 4. Standards Focus:** One question or activity is included. These focus on Reading Literature standards like main idea, character analysis, and figurative language.
- 5. Comprehension and Analysis:** Three short answer questions are provided per section. You will find that these questions are at a range of Bloom's Taxonomy, so are optimal for differentiation if needed. They are all or choose just some for your students to complete.
- 6. Beyond:** The Beyond activities are a mix of fun activities including art, graphic organizers, and text-to-self connections. They are meant for the students to use their imaginations, and some open-level. You might even choose to use these as an optional early finisher.

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STUDENT CHAPTER PACKET ANSWER KEY

Chapter 12
• VIDA • LAS UNAS (GRAPES)
 (page 9)
Quickwrite: Answers will vary.
Vocabulary:
 1. anticipated
 2. premonition
 3. distinguished
 4. resounding
True or False:
 1. T
 2. F
 3. T
 4. T
 5. T
Character Analysis: They are wealthy. They are landowners in Mexico, and have several servants. Esperanza is the only child and they love each other very much.
 (page 2)
Comprehension and Analysis:
 1. Her favorite time of the year is after the harvest, when it is her birthday. For her birthday, she always has a fiesta to celebrate. All of her friends and family come.
 2. They are in a higher social status and are a wealthier family. I think this is significant to the story, because as the author mentions, other people who are not as wealthy may harbor some bitterness against families like theirs. Also, it shows that Esperanza has never really had to deal with much hardship, but after her father's death, she just might have to. Finally, this is significant to the story because this is why Esperanza's father was targeted and killed.
 3. Esperanza is in despair because she finds out that her father has been killed. On page 22, the text reads, "She fell to her knees and sank into a dark hole of despair and disbelief."
Beyond: Abuelito is Esperanza's grandmother. She is wise and she loves Esperanza and her family.

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