

# Esperanza Rising Study Sheet 2

1. Esperanza The main character who must flee her home and start a new life in California.
2. Tio Luis The greedy uncle who wants to marry Esperanza's mother after her father's death.
3. Abuelita Esperanza's grandmother who stays behind in Mexico due to an injury.
4. Mama Esperanza's mother who becomes ill while working in the United States.
5. Sixto Ortega Esperanza's father who is killed by bandits early in the story.
6. Miguel The family servant who dreams of a better life in the United States.
7. Hortensia The housekeeper who helps the family escape to California.
8. Alfonso Miguel's father who works on the same ranch as Esperanza's family.
9. Isabel A young girl who teaches Esperanza how to do household chores in California.
10. las uvas The symbol for Esperanza's family's wealth in Mexico, also means grapes in Spanish.
11. El Rancho de las Rosas The name of Esperanza's family ranch in Aguascalientes, Mexico.
12. Valley Fever The illness that Esperanza's mother contracts from the dust storms.
13. strike Workers in California stop working to protest poor conditions, but Esperanza chooses not to participate.
14. dust storm A natural disaster in California that brings challenges to the workers.
15. rose garden A place on the ranch where Esperanza and her father bond over tending flowers.
16. crochet A skill that Esperanza learns from Abuelita and continues in the United States.
17. pinata A special gift Esperanza makes for Isabel to celebrate her birthday.
18. train The mode of transportation Esperanza takes when she leaves Mexico.
19. money order What Esperanza saves to bring Abuelita to California.
20. grapes The fruit that symbolizes the family's wealth and prosperity in Mexico.
21. Phoenix A symbol for Esperanza's rebirth and new life in California.
22. immigration The process Esperanza's family faces when moving to the United States.
23. harvest The seasonal work Esperanza and the others do to survive in California.
24. Esperanza Rising The title of the novel, symbolizing hope and overcoming hardship.