

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS *ESPERANZA RISING*

DO NOT WRITE ON THIS.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS USING THE RACE METHOD, if applicable.

READ pages 255 -262 first and then read page 1 of Packet and answer the following:

1. How did family influence Pam Munoz Ryan’s writing and give a reason for its importance? **Remember**, there are two parts to this question, make sure and answer both parts. It might be best to answer the first part completely and then go back and answer the second part.

SECTION 1 (pgs 1-38):

1. What did Esperanza’s father mean when he said, “You can feel the earth’s heartbeat when you are still and quiet.” How did Esperanza react to that statement?

Using the 4 square method, write your statement in the middle of the page. In each square write one detail that

1. detail	2. detail
statement	
3. detail	concluding

2. On page 8, Esperanza pricks her finger on a rose thorn, why is that “bad luck?”

3. What is significant about Abuelita weaving her hair into her knitting?

4. How had Esperanza changed from wanting to marry Miguel, as a young child, to seeing him as “beneath” her status?

Vocabulary: **quivery**

a) write the word

b) give your definition

c) look it up in a dictionary and write the definition

d) use the word in an original sentence and underline it

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SECTION 2 (pgs 39-80):

1. What is the significance of the rancho burning shortly after Esperanza's father's death?
2. Why did Abuelita return to the house to get her knitting? Describe how this might be a foreshadow of their future.
3. What do the uncles really want and how do they plan to achieve their goals? Use the 4 square method to plan out your response.

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4. What are some of the challenges growing up in the early 1920s on ranches in Mexico?
5. Describe Esperanza's reaction when she realizes her mother is no longer wealthy, which means that she is not either.

Vocabulary:

scurried

valise

reeked

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