

Esperanza Rising Annotation Guide

“Cantaloupes”

1. Annotate any figurative language you find in this chapter. The author does an amazing job writing this book. Pay attention to how the author “shows” us what’s happening rather than “tells” us.
2. Where does this chapter begin? What is the setting?
3. What is the tone at the beginning of the chapter? (p 81-82)
4. Analyze Mama’s character on page 83. How is she acting?
5. What do you think is in the package? Find evidence to support your answer.
6. What changes do we see in the class system on page 86?
7. What are the living and working conditions of the migrant workers?
8. What connection can you make to chapter 1 on page 91?
9. Why is Esperanza so upset on page 92?
10. Analyze Marta’s character. What do you think of her? How does she act?

Use context clues to find the meaning of the following words:

jalopy (page 88)

sparse (page 90)

staccato (page 93)

brooded (page 99)