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3. Why do the workers cut out the eyes of the potatoes?
- a. They are poisonous and cannot be eaten.
 - b. They will be planted and will grow new potatoes.
 - c. If they are left in the potatoes can turn green.
 - d. They can be sold for more money.
4. In chapter 10, the author writes, "Isabel had nothing, but she also had everything." Explain what she means by this.

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5. Why does Esperanza put avocado on her hands? What is the significance of this?

6. Why do they drive to the Japanese market when other markets are closer?



d. To give to Isabel for Christmas.

8. How is the farm where Marta and her mother are living different from the camp where Esperanza is living? Write the differences in the chart below.

Marta's Farm	Esperanza's Camp

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10. In chapter 12, what did the strikers do to the workers who refused to strike?



- a. The strikers are causing problems for the government.
- b. All the workers do not have the proper papers.
- c. The strikers are taking away work from U.S. citizens.
- d. The strikers are hurting the workers.

12. What does Esperanza find at the farm at the end of chapter 12? How is it symbolic?

ANSWER KEY

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Christmases in Mexico, yet she is happy with her homemade yarn dolls.

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5. Why does Esperanza put avocado on her hands? What is the significance of this?

Answers may vary. An example is: Esperanza put avocado on her hands because they were cut and swollen. The oils from the avocado will help her hands. It is significant because Hortensia used to put avocado on Mama's hands after she gardened or rode horses.

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9. How does Esperanza giving beans and the piñata to the family in Marta's camp show how Esperanza has grown as a person?

Answers will vary. An example is: These actions show that Esperanza has become more



one finds the piñata hanging in the tree. It was broken with its insides torn out.

It is symbolic of the whole farm, which had been torn apart and emptied.