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by Pam Muñoz Ryan

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- b. Mama woke her up because Abuelita hurt her ankle.
- c. Mama woke her up because the house was on fire.
- d. Mama woke her up because Miguel was missing.



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“Then she saw the remains of the trunk that used to sit at the foot of her bed, the metal straps still intact... She looked closely, but all that remained were black cinders. There was nothing left inside, for someday.”

Why was the trunk important to Esperanza? What might the trunk and what is left inside of it symbolize for Esperanza?

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4. Where are Mama and Esperanza going to go? Where is Abuelita going to go?

5. How does Esperanza feel about leaving the ranch at the end of chapter 4?

- a. She is sad and angry about leaving her life as it once was.
- b. She is excited about starting a new life.



a. She hides under the floor of the wagon and is covered with guavas.

7. Fill in the chart with examples from the text to show how the train ride to the border at Mexicali was different than the train ride Esperanza took with Papa and Miguel when she was younger.

Train Ride to the Border	Train Ride with Papa and Miguel

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8. Read the quote from chapter 5, “Las Guayabas.” Then answer the question below.

“But Mama interrupted. ‘When you scorn these people, you scorn Miquel, Hortensia, and Alfonso. And you embarrass me and yourself. As difficult as it is to accept, our lives are different now.’”

What does Mama mean when she says this to Esperanza?

How does Mama want Esperanza to treat the others on the train?



10. Why did Alfonso and Miguel almost miss the train?

- a. They were still waiting in line at the border.
- b. They went to find some water.
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11. Who picks Esperanza, Mama, Hortensia, Alfonso, and Miguel up from the train station when they arrive in California?

- a. Señor Rodríguez
- b. an immigration official
- c. Alfonso's brother and his family
- d. Esperanza's aunt

12. In chapter 6, Esperanza meets Isabel and Marta. Explain the difference in how the two girls treat Esperanza.



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3.



This might symbolize that the future, or "someday," for Esperanza is going to look much different than she thought.

ANSWER KEY

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Mama and Esperanza are going to go to California with Hortensia, Alfonso, and Miguel.

Abuelita is going to stay with her sisters until she gets stronger.

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7.

**benches, was littered with trash, and
smelled like rotting fruit and urine. The
train car was crowded with peasants.**

**leather seats. They ate in the dining car
with tables covered in white linens.**

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