



Santiago's Road Home

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Pre-reading questions

1. What is “immigration”? What do you know about immigration in the United States?
2. What situations or circumstances can you think of that would cause you or your family to leave your home and try to live in another country?
3. Do you like the cover of the book? Why or why not? What would you change about it without reading the book?

Post-reading questions

1. If you were in Santiago's situation, do you think you would've chosen to try and go to the United States?
2. Why do you think Maria Dolores chose to try to immigrate illegally and dangerously rather than try to immigrate legally?
3. Which character was your favorite? Why? Which character was your least favorite? Why?
4. Discuss how Santiago changes throughout the book as he goes through different trials. What lessons do you think he learned throughout the book?
5. Discuss the conditions of the detention center. Do you think those conditions were fair? What would you have done if you were in similar conditions?
6. A big accomplishment Santiago achieves is learning to read and write. How does this impact his life?

Post-reading activities

1. Santiago's Road Home discusses a challenging topic - illegal immigration and the treatment of illegal immigrants. With your advisor's guidance, research this topic and compile your research into a current issues portfolio and presentation. Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions and enter your final work in the Tome competition.
2. Create a blog article reviewing the book. Follow the guidelines to enter your final article into the Tome Book Review Blog Article competition.
3. Use the glossary in the back of the book and challenge yourself to learn at least 10 Spanish words or phrases. Partner up and quiz each other until you have them memorized!

More About This Book

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