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Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan Literature Circle Discussion Questions

Directions: In your small group, discuss each question and the answer to the question. Look in the book to prove your answer. Write down the page number(s). Be prepared to discuss these as a whole class. **Take this page home to study for your test!!!**

1. How is Esperanza planning to spend her birthday? What does she anticipate happening? What actually happens? Page Number(s): _____

2. Who is Tio Luis? What does he want from Esperanza's mother? Does Esperanza like him? Why? Page Number(s): _____

3. Why does Esperanza and Mama have to leave El Rancho de las Rosas? Why do they have to leave in secret? Page Number(s): _____

4. What kind of people does Esperanza meet on the train? How does she feel about them and treat them? What does her mother think of her behavior? Page Number(s): _____

5. List some of the challenges that Esperanza encounters when she comes to the farm workers' camp. Why were they so difficult for her? Page Number(s): _____

6. How does working on finishing Abuelita's blanket sustain Esperanza when her mother is sick? What does it remind her of? What do you think it symbolizes? Page Number(s): _____

7. Explain the title of the book. How does it relate to the story? Use details from the story to support your point of view. **Hint: Esperanza is Spanish for hope.** Page Number(s): _____
