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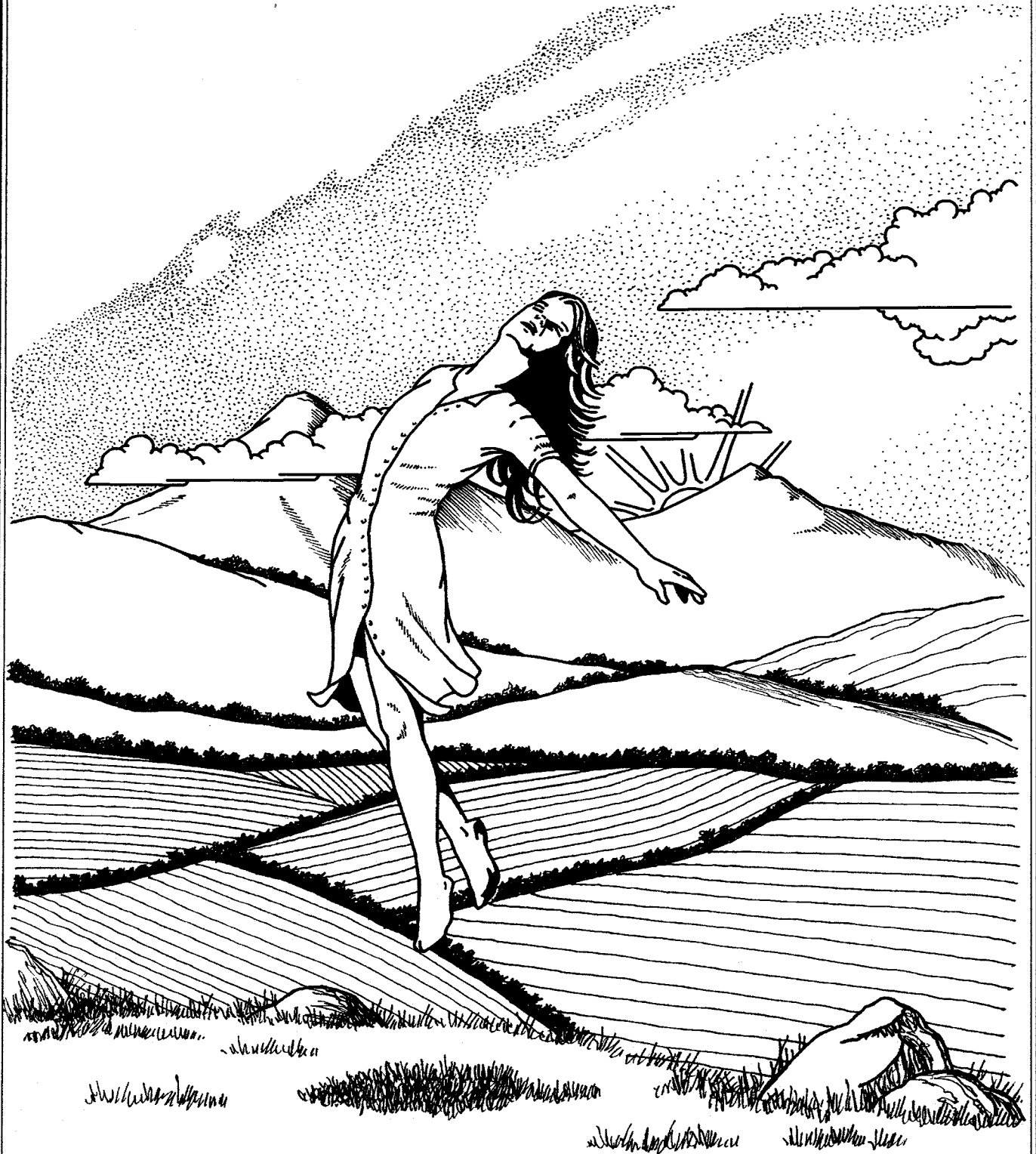


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Chapter One

Las Uvas - Grapes

Before you read the chapter:

Mexico and its people form an important part of this novel. Investigate this remarkable country and record three interesting facts about it. Then get together with a group of three other students and share your facts.

Esperanza Rising is set in 1930. List four things that would be different about living during the 1930's compared to now.

Vocabulary:

Choose a word from the list to complete each sentence.

magnified
philosophical
propriety

congregate
precisely
resentment

anticipation
resurrected
distinguished

premonition
tormented
forlorn

1. Esperanza was looking forward to her father's return with great _____.
2. She had an awful _____ that something was wrong.
3. The little girl was very _____ when her puppy disappeared.
4. A feeling of guilt _____ the prisoner.



5. Esperanza's mother tried to be very _____ about their problems.
6. The crowd of farmers began to _____ in front of the old barn.
7. The insect was _____ under the microscope.
8. The boy's aunt left _____ at eight o'clock.
9. The people felt a lot of _____ toward the country's cruel president.
10. Christians believe that Jesus Christ was _____ from the grave.
11. Esperanza's grandmother was an unusual, _____ woman.
12. Señora Ortega was a very dignified woman with a fine sense of _____.

Questions

1. What crop was being harvested at El Rancho de las Rosas in this chapter?

2. What is the setting of the story as this chapter opens? Remember your answer should include both time and place.

3. Which three friends were coming to Esperanza's party?

4. What had taken place ten years earlier in Mexico that still made the large landowners nervous? How did Esperanza's father treat the local peasants?



5. What pastime did Abuelita enjoy? What did Esperanza suggest it took her mind off?
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6. Why was Abuelita crocheting the blanket?
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7. Where did Alfonso always talk about going?
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8. What did Esperanza mean when she told Miguel that a deep river ran between them?
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9. What important job did Tío Marco have? What was Esperanza's impression of him?
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10. Who did Hortensia say would find Esperanza's father?
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11. What terrible news did Esperanza receive at the end of the chapter?
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