

ACROSS A HUNDRED MOUNTAINS

Reyna Grande - Lesson #2

INTO-PREPARING THE LEARNER

DSTA – DIRECTED SEEING THINKING ACTIVITY

Look at each piece of an image. Predict what you believe the image represents based on the evidence revealed. Do your predictions match with the evidence? (Image #1)

DRTA – DIRECTED READING THINKING ACTIVITY

Look at each sentence one at a time. Predict what you think this passage is about based on the evidence revealed. Do your predictions match with the evidence?

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BRAINSTORM OF QUESTIONS

Look at the image projected. Write five questions about the image that you believe will be answered once you read the text. (Image #2)

FIND THE MEANING: Inheritance is a noun that means...

- a) a characteristic or quality you are born with because your parents or ancestors also had it
- b) an attitude or problem that is passed down to you from someone else
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“Give it to me. Give it to me,” Amá said. But Juana dug her heels into the ground and pulled harder. Finally, she stood in front of her mother holding on to the last plate, the only plate left of her **inheritance**. (p. 75)

ANTICIPATORY GUIDE

Agree/Disagree

1. Desperate times call for desperate measures.

2. There is usually a bit of kindness in even the cruelest human being.
3. Children learn love and kindness as well as hatred and cruelty from their parents.
4. Better to remain silent than to speak badly. *Más vale callar que mal hablar.*
5. It is impossible to forgive a rapist, murderer or thief.

COMPARE/CONTRAST MATRIX

How would you describe these characters using simile and metaphor? (*See an example below*)

	Lupe	Don Elías	Abuelita Elena	Antonia
Simile				
Explanation				
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Example: (1) Simile – Juana is as determined as a mountain climber reaching for the highest peak. **Explanation** – *Juana will not give up the hope of finding her father, no matter what obstacles she has to confront.*

Example: (2) Metaphor – Juana is a tiger ready to leap with vehemence. **Explanation** – *Juana is so angry, that she is ready to attack the perpetrators.*

THROUGH-**WORKING WITH THE TEXT**

DIRECTED READING WITH NUMBERED HEADS & DIALOGUE READING

Adelina, p. 54-56

Dialogue Reading: *Narrator, Adelina, Man on bus, Old Man*

1. Why was Adelina going home? Why was she feeling confused? (p. 54-55)
2. Why did the Old Man want forgiveness? (p. 55-56)

3. Do you believe that Adelina was capable of forgiveness? Why or why not?

Juana, p. 57-62

Directed Reading with Numbered Heads

4. Why was Juana in such a hurry to get home? How did Doña Hortencia respond? (p. 57-58)
5. How did both women defend themselves? What do you believe will become of the situation with Don Elías? (p. 58-60)
6. How did Juana's grandmother, Abuelita Elena, respond to her question? (p. 60-61)
7. What obstacles are Juana and her mother Lupe now facing? What character traits would you use to describe Juana? Explain. (p. 61-62)

Adelina, p. 63-64

Dialogue Reading: *Narrator, Maggie, Laura, Adelina, Dr. Luna*

8. Describe the chapter's setting and this stage in Adelina's life. (p. 63-64)

Juana, p. 65-75

Directed Reading with Numbered Heads

9. How was Juana attempting to support her and her mother to survive? (p. 65-67)

Dialogue Reading: *Narrator, Don Elías, Judicial, Lupe, Juana*

10. What arrangement did Lupe make with Don Elías? In your opinion, did she have a choice? (p. 67-69)

Directed Reading with Numbered Heads

11. How were the children so cruel to Juana? Why do you think so? In contrast, how did her godmother, Antonia, comfort her? (69-71)
12. Explain the significance of Lupe breaking the dishes. (p. 73-75)

Adelina, p. 76-77

Directed Reading with Numbered Heads

13. What caused Adelina to be so generous to offer the begging woman forty dollars? Would you have done the same? Under what circumstances?

Juana, p. 78-79

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14. What changes greatly affected both Juana and her mother? Explain your answer. (p. 78-79)
15. How does each of the following people respond to the birth of the baby boy? -Lupe, Doña Martina, Juana, Don Elías, Doña Matilde - (p. 79-86)

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16. How would you describe Dr. Luna and the feelings that emerged for Adelina in his presence?

Juana, p. 89-92

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Adelina, p. 93-94

Dialogue Reading: *Narrator, Sandra, Adelina*

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Juana, p. 95-98

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19. How do both Lupe and Juana deal with their guilt and pain?

Adelina, p. 99-100

Dialogue Reading: *Narrator, Diana, Adelina*

20. What was the cause of Diana's suffering? Do you believe that Adelina is capable of helping her? Explain.

Juana, p. 101-106

Directed Reading with Numbered Heads

21. Why did Juana need to find her father? (p. 101-103)

Dialogue Reading: *Narrator, Juana, Miguel*

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Adelina, p. 107-109

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23. Why was it so important to Don Ernesto for Adelina to go to school?

Juana, p. 110-115

Dialogue Reading: *Narrator, Doña Josefina, Juana, Tomás*

24. How was Juana preparing for her journey to find her father? (p. 110-113)

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25. How had Juana become the caretaker of the home? (p. 113-115)

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Dialogue Reading: *Narrator, Dr. Luna, Adelina, Dr. Shaffer*

26. What thoughts and fears were surfacing for Adelina?

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27. What changes in Lupe revealed her inner turmoil? How do you believe Juana was coping with these changes in her mother?

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31. Were there other solutions to resolve the anger and pain that Lupe suffered upon losing her child? Explain. (p. 137-141)

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REVISIT THE ANTICIPATORY GUIDE

BEYOND-EXTENDING THE LEARNING

BEYOND THE VENN DIAGRAM

Create a Venn Diagram of the second section of the book (p. 54-155). After completing the Character Development Matrix above, use the information to compare and contrast Juana's and Adelina's lives, experiences, fears, hopes and dreams at this point in the book.

SYMBOLISM AND YOUR INHERITANCE

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