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Traditions in Contrast Answer Key

(Sample teacher guidance; students' answers will vary.)

Esperanza's Tradition	Meaning in the Novel	My Family's Tradition	Similar or Different?
Birthday celebration with a big fiesta	Shows wealth, family unity, and love	Example: Family dinners with cake instead of large parties	Different
Crocheting the blanket with Abuelita	Teaches patience and resilience; connects generations	Example: Learning to cook traditional dishes with grandparents	Similar
Harvesting grapes at the vineyard	Represents hard work, family livelihood, and change	Example: Helping during family business events	Similar

Sample Reflection:

Traditions are important because they remind families of their roots and bring people closer together. For Esperanza, traditions helped her stay connected to her father and Abuelita, even when her life changed. In my family, our traditions also give us a sense of belonging and pride. They shape who we are by linking the past with the present.