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## Journaling with Esperanza Answer Key

Since this is a **personal reflection activity**, student responses will vary. Below are **sample teacher guidance answers** to model possible responses:

1. *Big Change*: "When I moved to a new school, I felt scared and lonely at first. Like Esperanza, I had to adjust to a new environment and meet new people. Eventually, I found friends and grew stronger."
2. *Responsibility*: "I had to take care of my younger sibling when my parents were busy. At first, it felt hard, but I realized I was capable, just like Esperanza learned she could care for Isabel."
3. *Hope*: "When I feel down, my family and friends give me hope. Esperanza had Abuelita's words and Mama's strength to remind her that better days would come."

### Sample Reflection Response:

"I related most to Esperanza's embarrassment when she didn't know how to sweep. I've also felt awkward learning new skills. But like her, I realized that mistakes are part of growing and that practice helps me improve."