

Quote-Theme Connection Answer Key

Sample Teacher Guide Responses

1. "Do not be afraid to start over, Esperanza. You must begin again."

- Theme: Resilience and new beginnings.
- Analysis: Abuelita encourages Esperanza to accept change and rebuild her life after tragedy. This shows how starting over can lead to growth.

2. "The rich take care of the rich and the poor take care of those who have less than they have."

- Theme: Social justice and inequality.
- Analysis: Marta highlights class struggles, showing how the poor must support one another when the wealthy ignore them.

3. "There is no rose without thorns."

- Theme: Hope and hardship.
- Analysis: Abuelita uses this proverb to teach Esperanza that beauty and joy are always mixed with pain and struggle.

4. "Don't be afraid to start over...you are stronger than you think."

- Theme: Courage and strength.
- Analysis: Mama reassures Esperanza that she can survive change, reminding her of her inner strength.

5. "Esperanza could not remember when her fingers had stopped hurting, or when they had toughened, but it seemed that they had done so along with her heart."

- Theme: Transformation and growth.
- Analysis: Esperanza's physical labor reflects her emotional resilience, symbolizing her maturity.