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Esperanza's Missing Chapter

Directions: Authors sometimes leave readers wondering what else could have happened in a story. In this activity, you will imagine and write a "**lost chapter**" of *Esperanza Rising*; a scene that could fit naturally into the novel but is not included.

Follow these steps:

1. **Choose a Spot in the Story:** Decide where your "lost chapter" could be added (e.g., before the fire, during the train ride, while Mama is sick, or after Abuelita arrives).
2. **Create a Title:** Give your chapter a title that captures its main idea.
3. **Write the Scene:** Describe the event. Use sensory details (what Esperanza sees, hears, feels) and dialogue to make it realistic.
4. **Connect to Themes:** End your chapter with a sentence that shows how the event connects to one of the novel's themes (resilience, hope, family, or social justice).

