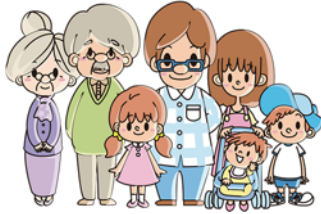


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Traditions in Contrast

Directions: Traditions are the customs, celebrations, and practices that families pass down through generations. In *Esperanza Rising*, Esperanza's family follows Mexican traditions that shape her life and values. In this activity, you will compare **three of Esperanza's traditions** with your own family traditions. Fill in the chart by describing a similar or different tradition in your own family.

| Esperanza's Tradition | Meaning in the Novel | My Family's Tradition | Similar or Different? |
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| Birthday celebration with a big fiesta | Shows wealth, family unity, and love | | |
| Crocheting the blanket with Abuelita | Teaches patience and resilience; connects generations | | |
| Harvesting grapes at the vineyard | Represents hard work, family livelihood, and change | | |

Reflection Prompt: *Why are traditions important for families and communities? How do they shape identity, just as they shaped Esperanza's?*
