

Model Two-Voice Poem: “The Fire”

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Italics = quotes from the novel

| Esperanza | Both | Miguel |
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| I am Esperanza. I am 13 years old. My family owns this beautiful house, El Rancho de las Rosas. | | |
| | | I am Miguel. I am 16 years old. I am a servant at this beautiful house, El Rancho de las Rosas. |
| | I am in the courtyard in the dark of night. The ranch is on fire! I watch the flames, <i>like long curved fingers reaching for the horizon, lighting the night sky.</i> | |
| I’m confused. This cannot be real. I must be still dreaming. Has my own imagination has gone wild? | | |
| | | Where is the family? I see Esperanza and Ramona, but where is Abuelita? |

| Esperanza | Both | Miguel |
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| | <i>I see sparks from the house float on the wind toward the stables and fields. The fire is spreading.</i> | |
| | | I run into the house. I must find Abuelita. |
| I am numb. Someone wraps me in a blanket. <i>Am I cold?</i> | | |
| | | I find Abuelita and carry her out of the burning house. I put her safely on the ground. |
| | I hear someone scream. | |
| | | My father wrestled me to the ground and rolled me over to put out the fire on my back. I take off my blackened shirt. My back is not badly burned. |
| I worry for Abuelita. Is she dead? | | |
| | I watch as El Rancho de las Rosas burns to the ground. | |