

How Were the Human Rights of the Characters in *Esperanza Rising* Threatened? Anchor Chart

(Example, for Teacher Reference)

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Las Uvas	On page 12, Mama tells Esperanza, “The wealthy still own most of the land while some of the poor have not even a garden plot.... Some peasants are forced to eat cats.”	Article 25	the poor	Esperanza’s father is killed. This threatens the “right to life” in Article 3. It also threatens being “treated in the same way” in Article 1, and “Nobody has any right to hurt us” in Article 5.
Las Uvas	Papa is killed by bandits who don’t understand that he has given land to many of his workers. On page 22 it says, “When the wagon stopped, Esperanza could see a body in back, completely covered with a blanket.”	Articles 1, 3, and 5	Papa	Esperanza’s father is killed. This threatens the “right to life” in Article 3. It also threatens being “treated in the same way” in Article 1, and “Nobody has any right to hurt us” in Article 5.

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Las Papayas	The land is left to Luis rather than Mama. On page 30 it says, “It is not customary to leave land to women and since Luis was the banker on the loan, Sixto left the land to him.”	Article 17	Mama	The land the house is on is left to Luis rather than Mama because she is a woman, but the article says that “everyone has the right to own things.”
Las Papayas	Miguel describes that Esperanza’s uncles would treat his family like animals. On page 36 he says, “But your uncles ... you know their reputation. They would take it all away and treat us like animals.”	Articles 23	Miguel and his family	If the family stayed, Esperanza’s uncles would treat them badly. Article 23 says that “every grown-up has the right to do a job, to a fair wage for their work.”
Los Higos	The uncles arranged a fire to burn their house down. On page 43 it says, “They all knew that the uncles had arranged the fire.”	Articles 3 and 17	Mama and Esperanza	The uncles burn the house down, which threatened their lives. Article 3 says, “We all have the right to life.” Article 17 says, “Nobody should take our things from us without a good reason.”

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Las Guayabas	On page 79 Miguel explains to Esperanza why the woman is begging. "Have you never noticed?' he said, sounding surprised. 'Those with Spanish blood, who have the fairest complexions in the land, are the wealthiest.'"	Article 2	the beggar	Article 2 says, "These rights belong to everybody, whatever our differences," yet Miguel explains that people with Spanish blood have better conditions than others.
Los Melones	People are not allowed to cross the border into the United States. On page 83 it says, "Across the tracks, several groups of people were being prodded onto another train headed back to Mexico. 'My heart aches for those people. They came all this way just to be sent back.'"	Article 13	people trying to cross the border	Article 13 says, "We all have the right to go where we want in our own country and to travel as we wish." But those people are not being allowed to travel as they wish.

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Las Cebollas	Esperanza and her mother can't have their own cabin because there is no housing for single women. On page 102 Mama says, "Esperanza, they will only give one cabin for each man and his family. There is no housing for single women. This is a family camp so we must have a male head of household to live and work here."	Article 22	Mama and Esperanza	Article 22 says, "We all have the right to affordable housing," but Mama and Esperanza are not being given that right.

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Las Almendras	Marta and her friends want to strike because of the living and working conditions. On page 134, Esperanza asks, “They want to strike for better houses?” and Josefina replies, “That and more money for those who pick cotton.”	Articles 23 and 25	Marta and her mother and friends	Article 23 says, “Every grown-up has the right to do a job, to a fair wage for their work,” but Marta and her friends are not being paid a fair wage. Article 25 says, “We all have the right to a good life,” yet from what Marta and Josefin a described, they are not having a good life at all because the living and working conditions are bad.
Las Ciruelas	They were given no time off at the weekends because grape picking had to be finished. On page 144 it says, “The grapes had to be finished before the first fall rains and had to be picked rápido, quickly, so now there were no Saturdays or Sundays in the week, just workdays.”	Article 24	All of them: Esperanza, Mama, Miguel’s family	Article 24 says, “We all have the right to rest from work and to relax,” but in this chapter none of the characters are getting rest because of the demands of their work.

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Las Papas	Mama is in hospital, and it is costing money with no one to pay the medical bills, and Mama isn't being paid while she is sick. On page 164 it says, "Ever since Mama had first become sick over a month ago, they had no money coming in. The doctor's bills and medicines had used up most of what they'd saved."	Article 25	Mama	Article 25 says that "all people have the right to be cared for," yet no one is paying for her medical bills.
Las Papas	Concerned about Mexican workers being harmed by the people who are striking. On page 171 Marta's aunt said, "There is also some talk about harming Mexicans who continue to work."	Article 3	The Mexican workers	Article 3 says, "We all have the right to life, and to live in freedom and safety," yet the safety of Mexican workers is being threatened.

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Los Aguacates	<p>Mexicans and African Americans treated badly because of where they are from and the color of their skin. On pages 187–188 Miguel says, “Americans see us as one big brown group who are only good for manual labor. At this market, no one stares at us or treats us like outsiders or calls us ‘dirty greasers.’” On page 188 it also says, “There were special sections at the movie theater for Negroes and Mexicans.</p>	Article 2	Mexicans and African Americans	<p>Article 2 says, “Don’t discriminate,” but that is exactly what Miguel says Americans are doing. described, they are not having a good life at all because the living and working conditions are bad.</p>
Los Aguacates	<p>The people in the strikers’ camp have had threats against their safety. On page 193 Marta says, “... a lot of people don’t like the strikers causing trouble. We’ve had threats. The men take turns at the entrance.”</p>	Article 3	The people in the strikers’ camp.	<p>Article 3 says, “We all have the right to life, and to live in freedom and safety,” but the people in the strikers’ camp have had their safety threatened.</p>

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Los Aguacates	The conditions in the striker's camp are poor. On page 193 it says, "Some people lived in tents but others only had burlap bags stretched between poles."	Article 25	The people at the striker's camp	Article 25 is titled "Food and Shelter for All," and it says, "We all have the right to a good life," which the people in the strikers' camp are not having because of the conditions they live in.
Los Espárragos	The strikers do things to the workers that put them in danger. On page 199 it says, "The company had sent a man with a gun to ride on the truck with them, for protection they said," and on page 202 it says, "They found razor blades and shards of glass in the field bins."	Article 3	Esperanza and the farm workers	Article 3 says, "We all have the right to life, and to live in freedom and safety," but Esperanza and the farm workers have had their safety threatened by the strikers.

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Los Aguacates	<p>The immigration officials ignored where the strikers were from and loaded them onto a bus to send them to Mexico, even if they weren't born there because of what they believed. On page 206 it says, "‘Americana! Americana!' yelled one woman and began to unfold some papers. One of the officials took the papers from her and tore them into pieces." When questioned about why citizens are being sent to Mexico, Josefina tells Esperanza on page 206, "It doesn't matter. They are causing problems for the government."</p>	Articles 15 and 19	The citizens being sent to Mexico	<p>Article 15 says, "We all have the right to belong to a country," but the immigration officials are taking away that right by sending American citizens to Mexico. Article 19 says, "We all have the right to make up our own minds, to think what we like, to say what we think, and to share our ideas with other people," but the workers were punished for this.</p>

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Los Duraznos	On pages 217–218, Isabel explains that the people from Oklahoma get “inside toilets and hot water! And a swimming pool!” while the workers from other countries don’t. Also, Hortensia explained that they are restricted in how often they can swim in the pool: “The Mexicans can only swim on Friday afternoons, before they clean the pool on Saturday mornings,” as though they are dirtier than the others.	Article 2	Mexican workers	Article 2 says, “Don’t discriminate,” yet the people from Oklahoma get better facilities than the Mexican workers, and the Mexican workers are treated as though they are dirty, which is also discrimination.

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Los Duraznos	Miguel is forced to dig ditches while his job was given to someone without any experience. On page 219 Miguel says, "Some of them have never even worked on a motor before. My boss said that he didn't need me. That they were going to train the new men. He said I could dig ditches or lay tracks if I wanted."	Article 2	Miguel	Article 2 says "Don't discriminate," yet Miguel's boss discriminated against him by giving the men from Oklahoma his job working on the motors.

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Los Duraznos	Despite having the best grades, Isabel is not chosen to be Queen of the May because she is Mexican. On page 216 Josefina explains, “They always find a way to choose a blonde, blue-eyed queen.”	Article 2	Isabel	Article 2 says, “Don’t discriminate,” yet that is exactly what the teacher did by choosing another girl to be Queen of the May, even though Isabel had the best grades.
Los Duraznos	Esperanza’s money orders have been stolen. On page 233 it says, “It was empty. The money orders were gone.”	Article 17	Esperanza	Article 17 says, “Nobody should take our things from us without a good reason.”