

How Were the Human Rights of 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 ill own most of the land while some of the poor have not even a garden plot.... Some peasants are forced to eat cats."	Keep trying Asking someone for help	the poor	On the simplified version, the article is titled "Food and Shelter for All." If they are forced to eat cats, they do not have "a good life," as it says they should.
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."	Article 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 re to burn their house down. On page 43 it says, "They all knew that the uncles had arranged there."	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 Melonas	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.
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."	Article 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 Josefina described, they are not having a good life at all because the living and working conditions are bad.

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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.
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.

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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.