

## Character Reaction Paragraph: Miguel

### (Example, for Teacher Reference)

In the chapter “Los Duraznos” in *Esperanza Rising*, Miguel loses his job working with the motors because his boss gave it to some men from Oklahoma who will do the job for less money. As a result, he is forced to dig ditches to earn money. Miguel is upset that he lost his job to the people from Oklahoma and that he had to dig ditches. He shows he is upset when he speaks sharply about his dirty clothes. On page 219 it says, ““Can you not tell from my clothes? I dug ditches.’ His voice was sharp.” He also shows his anger by raising his voice. At the bottom of page 219 it says, “Miguel raised his voice.” Miguel is also resigned to the fact that he had no choice, and that everyone is trying to feed their families. On pages 219–220 he says, “What would you have me do instead? I could have walked out. But I would have no pay for today. Those men from Oklahoma have families, too. We must all work at something or we will starve.” Despite being upset, he shows resilience when he expresses hope that he will succeed in life in America. On page 223 he says to Esperanza, “Maybe I must be more determined than others to succeed, but I know that it will happen.”