

Model Character Reaction Paragraph: Mama

What information does this paragraph contain? Why? How is it organized?

In the chapter “Las Cebollas” in *Esperanza Rising*, Mama, Esperanza, and Miguel’s family arrive at the camp and are allocated a small cabin, which they are to share. Mama is disappointed with the cabin. On page 102, it says, “Mama looked around and then gave Esperanza a weak smile.” The use of the word “weak” shows that she wanted to be strong for Esperanza, but she struggled to hide her disappointment. On page 102, the way Mama “sank to the bed. Her voice sounded tired” also suggests that she is disappointed or concerned with the situation. Mama shows strength and tries to be a positive role model for Esperanza when Esperanza has an angry outburst. She says to Esperanza on page 104, “Here, we have two choices. To be together and miserable or to be together and happy.... I choose to be happy.” She also explains to Esperanza how lucky they are.