

Metaphors in *Esperanza Rising* Anchor Chart

(Example, for Teacher Reference)

Chapter and Page(s)	Metaphor	What does it mean?
Las Almendras, page 124	“Now if they bloomed she could drink the memories of the roses that had known Papa.”	She could make the rosehip tea and think of her papa, who planted the roses as she drank it.
Las Almendras, page 132	When holding up a kitten, Marta says, “This is what we are.”	They are like kittens because they are treated as though they are small and meek, and they are afraid to speak up for what they believe in.
Las Uvas, page 14	Esperanza, in this way my love and good wishes will be in the blanket forever.”	Abuelita stitched her hair into the blanket, so a part of her will always be in the blanket
Las Uvas, page 14	“Do not be afraid to start over.”	Abuelita is using starting over with crochet as a life lesson. She is talking not only about starting over with the blanket, but also about starting over in life.
Los Higos, page 51	“ Look at the zigzag of the blanket. Mountains and valleys. Right now you are in the bottom of the valley and your problems loom big around you. But soon, you will be at the top of a mountain again. ”	At the moment, Esperanza has a lot of problems that may seem like mountains to climb, but at some point she will work through the problems, and climb the mountain, to be at the top with few worries and problems.

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Las Papas, pages 177–178	“Esperanza tucked the blanket around her, hoping that the color from the blanket would slowly seep into Mama’s cheeks.”	The blanket has hair, which means love and wishes, from both Abuelita and Esperanza stitched in. Mama is very pale, so Esperanza is hoping that the love and wishes from her and Abuelita will help Mama get better and bring color to her cheeks.