

And the Earth Did Not Devour Him Journal Entries

Directions: As we read Rivera's novel *And the Earth Did Not Devour Him*, we will analyze the text and its themes through class discussion and journal entries. If you miss a class, refer to this list of journal entries to complete any missed journal writing assignments.

Journal 1: Who is the narrator? Why are there multiple narrators? What are the commonalities of these narrators? How do these narrative voices represent the voice of Mexican American migrant workers?

Journal 2: How does the Garcia family's tragic story highlight the poverty experienced by Mexican American migrant workers? What is the message of their vignette? What element of the story is tragic? What element of the story is ironic? Explain your reasoning.

Journal 3: How does poverty play a role in the lives of Ramon and Juanita?

Journal 4: Identify the meanings of the first few vignettes in the novel. How do the vignettes help to contribute to the themes of the text? What are the developing themes?

Journal 5: In what stories does time play an important role? What do these stories reveal about the characters and memory? What do we learn about Mexican American migrant workers' pasts and futures?

Journal 6: Based off of all of the vignettes and stories that you have read so far, what does the novel reveal about the living conditions of the poorest members of the migrant worker communities?

Journal 7: How is their poverty tied to hope or lack of hope?

Journal 8: How is their poverty tied to being cheated or exploited?

Journal 9: What happens to the perspective of the narrator in "When We Arrive?" What is the theme of this story? How does this narrative technique impact our understanding of the theme?

Journal 10: After reading all of the stories and vignettes, what do you notice about the narrator(s)? How does using multiple perspectives to explain the experiences of Mexican American migrant workers contribute to the themes of the text? How does this writing structure impact the reader's understanding of the issues of this community?