

And the Earth Did Not Devour Him Research Project

Rivera's novel *And the Earth Did Not Devour Him* focuses on the plight of Mexican American migrant workers during the 1970s. Unfortunately, many of the migrant worker hardships examined in the novel still exist today.

Directions: In groups, you will research an element of the migrant experience, create a PowerPoint, and present your findings to the class. Make sure that you focus on finding and sharing information on past and present migrant work experiences.

Migrant Worker Poverty

Research the causes of each of the following aspects of migrant worker poverty – also include a thorough explanation of how each topic shows migrant worker poverty and how this poverty impacts their lives.

- Food Insecurity
- Medical Treatment
- Housing and Sanitation
- Low Wages

Dangers of Migrant Work

Research the causes and side effects, as well as the number of injuries and deaths of each of these dangers associated with migrant work.

- Exposure to Pesticides and Toxins
- Harsh Environmental Conditions
- Dangerous Machinery
- Lack of Training and Protective Gear

Prejudice against Migrant Workers

Research examples of each of the following types of prejudice against migrant workers and examine how this prejudice further complicates the migrant workers' plights.

- Migrant Children
- Migrant Families
- Migrant Workers

Migrant Worker Education

Research who receives education and who doesn't get an education. Examine the causes of these migrant worker educational problems, as well as how these problems impact migrant workers' lives and futures.

- Student Enrollment and Attendance
- Drop Out Rates and High School Graduation Rates
- Language Barriers for Students and Parents
- Social Adjustment with School Peers