

Lesson #6: Lesson for *The Distance Between Us: A Memoir*

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Assignment:

You will prepare and present a 3-5 minute talk to show your understanding of *The Distance Between Us*.

The focal piece of your presentation will be on one passage you choose from the book. You will read this passage, which should be between 3-10 lines, and discuss why you think it represents your thoughts about the book.

Due dates sample:

Thursday, April 16th

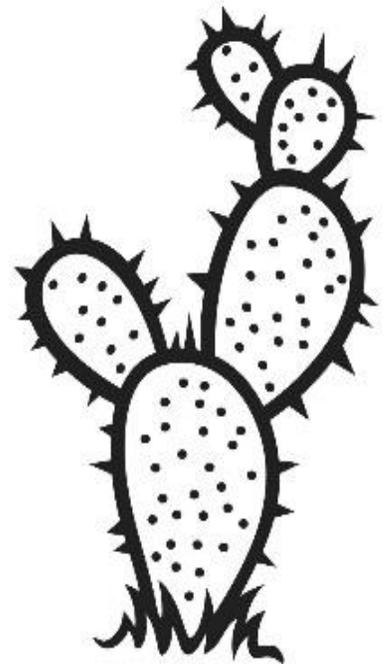
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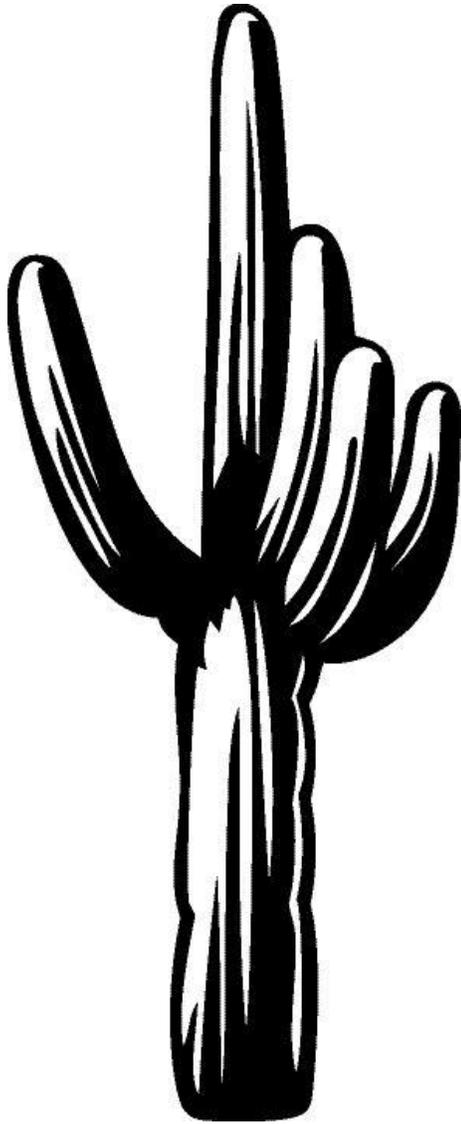
Read over your annotations

Tuesday, April 21st

Presentations

Turn in your typed passage, introduction and “talking points”





You have completed your second book! Instead of writing a summary or an essay you will present to the class. Your speech will be focused on your thoughts about the book and one specific passage. Begin by thinking about what Reyna Grande might be saying through this book. Think about what was meaningful to you as you read the book. What moved you? What mattered to you?

To help you in this process, review your annotations, discussion questions, quizzes and your quick write on immigration. Think back on discussions we've had in class. What stands out for you?

Writing is a process: Think, write, read, write, rewrite, think some more, read. Set your notes aside. Think, write, read, rewrite. Edit. Reread. Print. Practice aloud several times prior to class. Read for class. Turn in on time!

As you brainstorm what you want to say, you'll want to decide on 3-10 sentences from the novel that will help you make your point. Don't choose a really long passage, but choose just enough to do the work. "Put these sentences in quotation marks and include the page number in parenthesis at the end of the sentence" (22).

Please type your presentation materials. This elevates your writing and thinking, and it makes it a lot easier for me to read.
☺ 12 pt. font and double spaced!

Have fun with this presentation. Don't let it beat you up! Start early. Be smart. Plan ahead for printer problems, spring fever, traffic, and writer's block.