

Notebook Entry #1: Finding Story Elements in the Blurb

Before starting to read a book, good readers get the story in their heads by reading the blurb and identifying story elements.

Blurb (Scholastic, 2016):

Esperanza believed her life would be wonderful forever. She would always live on her family's ranch in Mexico. She would always have fancy dresses and a beautiful home filled with servants. Papa and Abuelita would always be with her.

But a sudden tragedy shatters her world and forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California, where they settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles brought on by the Great Depression, and lack of acceptance she now faces. When Mama gets sick, and a strike for better working conditions threatens to uproot their new life, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances—because Mama's life and her own depend on it.

Characters:

Setting (place):

Setting (time):

Problem:

Prediction: