

The Tortilla Curtain

- 1. Why does Delaney tell the car dealer he hit a dog?**
 - A. He considers Mexicans to be no better than dogs.
 - B. He feels guilty and doesn't want others to judge him.**
 - C. He is trying to block out the memory.
 - D. He is trying to protect the Mexican from immigration officers.

- 2. Why doesn't Delaney like the idea of a gate at the entrance to Arroyo Blanco?**
 - A. It blocks his view of nature.
 - B. It seems intimidating, exclusionary, and antidemocratic.**
 - C. It would be an inconvenience.
 - D. It would not keep out coyotes.

- 3. The biggest change to Delaney's life after he hits a Mexican with his car is...**
 - A. he argues with Jack about the worth of immigrants.
 - B. he needs to get his car fixed.
 - C. he seems to see Mexicans everywhere.**
 - D. Kyra thinks less of him for hitting the man.

- 4. Which best describes Delaney?**
 - A. a caring, non-traditional husband and stepdad**
 - B. a lazy bum
 - C. an insensitive racist
 - D. an unemployed freeloader

- 5. After her dog is snatched by a coyote, Kyra does all of the following except...**
 - A. contracts to have her fence height increased.
 - B. fights with a man about locking his dog in the car.
 - C. reexamines her priorities, realizing that there were people with real problems, real grief.
 - D. understands that Delaney should have done more for the injured Mexican.**

- 6. Kyra relies on finding people homes that are "out of the way... safe." Out of the way and safe from what?**
 - A. dog-eating coyotes
 - B. noisy traffic
 - C. nosy neighbors
 - D. people of less privilege**

7. **What is ironic about Jim Shirley hiring América to work for him?**
- A. He hires Mary too.
 - B. He only wants to hire women.
 - C. He runs a business out of his home.
 - D. He wants a gate to keep out people like her.
8. **Cándido brings América to the United States for all the reasons except...**
- A. he believes América could find a good job in the United States.
 - B. he believes he can find a job and make more money than in Mexico.
 - C. he believes he can provide a better life for her and his child in the United States.
 - D. he doesn't want América to leave him for another man like her sister did.
9. **América wants to go to the labor exchange for all of the following reasons except...**
- A. she hopes to find someone who will provide her with a better life.
 - B. she likes the idea of helping to earn money for their house.
 - C. she wants to show Cándido that she isn't a child anymore.
 - D. they need money for food.
10. **América accepts coffee from José. What does he expect in return?**
- A. He wants to cut in line ahead of her.
 - B. He needs information about the labor exchange and the availability of work.
 - C. He expects sexual favors.
 - D. Nothing—he is just trying to be nice.
11. **Why does Cándido call América a whore?**
- A. She let Jim Shirley grope her.
 - B. She insists on going to the labor exchange to help support him.
 - C. He isn't sure if the baby is his.
 - D. She takes coffee from José.
12. **Besides being a dog-like animal, the word coyote is used to mean...**
- A. liquor.
 - B. poor people.
 - C. someone who smuggles people across the border.
 - D. redheads.