

## 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.