

## *The Tortilla Curtain—your opinion*

How do you believe the United States should handle the dilemma of **illegal** immigration? This should include your perceptions/misperceptions of illegal immigrants as well as *your opinion* of the government's attempts to control the number of people entering our borders. (Fill the page...)

## *The Tortilla Curtain*—other opinions

Explore the opinions and options *of other people...*

Write down specific opinions other than your own from at least **four** other people. It is your job to ask questions to get others to explain and expand on their beliefs and opinions. You could also ask them to share information they researched in the library. (Identify your classmates by name because you will be using their comments in your informed opinion paper.)

**How do their opinions and options for dealing with this growing challenge compare to your own feelings?**

## ***The Tortilla Curtain*—current information**

Find a current (within the last month) article, podcast, interview, etc. regarding illegal immigration to share with your group.

Date:

Title:

Source:

Summary/Main Points:

## *The Tortilla Curtain*—informed opinion

(Use this page for prewriting. Please turn in a typed or neatly written report.)

What is your current opinion regarding illegal immigration? How has it been strengthened or changed by reading *The Tortilla Curtain* or through your discussions and research? Be specific! You must go beyond “this is how I feel.” Back up your opinion.

**Write at least one paragraph covering each point below:**

- logically explain your opinion (*This is my position on illegal immigration because...*)
- offer suggestions for dealing with this challenge (*This is what we should do...*)
- use examples from the novel (*For example, Cándido...*)
- refer to group discussions (*Marcus suggested..., Denise brought up a good point...*)
- cite information from articles and other research that supports your viewpoint (*Statistics published in Immigration Quarterly, June 2016, indicate that...*)