

Enrique's Journey

(Adapted for Young Adults)

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OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

This is the true story of a boy determined to reunite with his mother. In part two, Enrique begins his intense journey, and it is here that the reader experiences his true perseverance. In this lesson, students will identify the multiple attempts that Enrique embarks on to reach his mother. Students will locate key words that indicate each attempt, summarize the event, and compose a definition for perseverance.

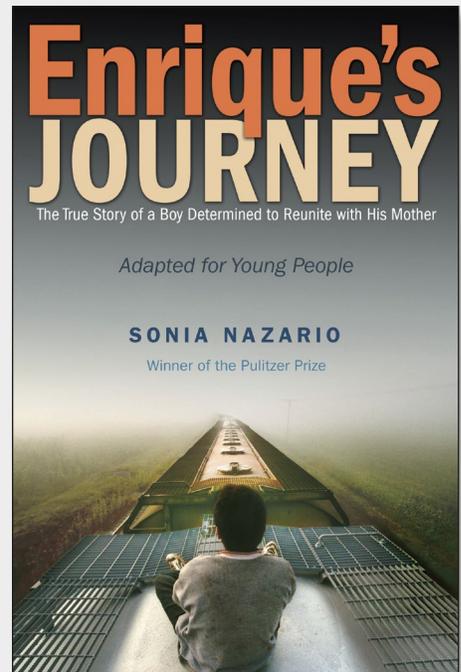
LEARNING TARGETS

1. Students will identify “flashing red light” words that indicate a transition.
2. Students will illustrate their understanding of individual events.
3. Students will compose a definition of a new vocabulary word.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario
- Perseverance Worksheet

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SUMMARY

Addresses the issues of family and illegal immigration through the story of a young boy's dangerous journey from Honduras to the U.S. in search of his mother, who left him and his sibling behind to make a better life for her family.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Students will read about Enrique's multiple attempts to reach his mother. Through these extraordinary circumstances, the students will also embark on a journey of their own through a close read.

- Introduce “flashing red light” words or phrases to students. This information can be found on the Perseverance Worksheet.
- Students should read pages 56-61 entitled “Perseverance.” As students read, have them highlight or circle the “flashing red light” words or phrases that introduce EACH of the seven attempts Enrique makes to reach his mother.
- Students should complete the Perseverance Worksheet
- Students can share their findings as a class, in a group or with a partner.

Perseverance

“Flashing red light” words: These are words or phrases indicating that a transition or change is coming in a piece of writing. Highlight, underline, or circle them when you see them.

Directions: Read “Perseverance” on pages 56-61 and look for Enrique's seven attempts to reach his mother. In the first column, indicate the “flashing red light” word or phrase that indicates one of the attempts. In the second column, summarize the result of his attempt. Finally, write a definition of *perseverance*.

Attempts	“Flashing Red Light” Word or Phrase	Summary of Attempt
Attempt 1		
Attempt 2		
Attempt 3		
Attempt 4		
Attempt 5		
Attempt 6		
Attempt 7		
After reading about Enrique's experience, what is your definition of perseverance?		