Studying Ríos: The Most Significant Line

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Over the last few sessions, you spent time getting to know "A Rough Handshake," a chapter from Ríos' book *Capirotada: A Nogales Memoir*. Your work in those sessions was mainly "comprehension" work—work that asked you to simply get clear on what was going on in the chapter: who the characters and places were, what was going on, etc. This assignment asks you to put that knowledge to work by taking it a step further.

For this assignment, you'll need to take another look at "A Rough Handshake." Specifically, you need to revisit the piece and identify what you think is *the most significant moment* in the text. A moment can be a phrase, a line or two, or even a paragraph or more. What you're looking for is the moment that you think is the most important one in the whole chapter— the moment where you see Ríos writing what you think is the most central thing to that text.

You should copy this significant moment into your notebook. Be sure to leave room under the entry so that you can do the second part of this assignment: Write a brief explanation that tells why you think this moment is so important to the text.

In summary then, you will need to

1. Revisit "A Rough Handshake."
2. Look for the most significant moment.
3. Copy this moment down in your notebook, leaving space below for your explanation.
4. Write a paragraph explaining why you think that moment is so important. Remember that this is "text-based" work. Be sure to use details from the text to illustrate or support your explanation.

Once again, you will have a chance to begin work on this assignment in small groups. You should use the small-group time to work with other students to find important moments and to talk about why these moments might be the most important. Be sure to take notes during these discussions. These notes will be very useful to you when you are writing your explanation. After you've had a chance to discuss the significant moments in small groups, you'll have time to write down your "significant moment" and explanation in your notebook.

Later, we'll have a whole-class discussion to share and discuss all this work.

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