

Sometimes...

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Comprehension Questions

1. Why did Andrés' dad leave Mexico to work in Texas?
2. What event made Andrés think that something was not OK?
3. What circumstance is Andrés referring to when he said, "Something would have to change"?
4. Why did it seem strange to Andres and Clara to see Tía Elena in San Felipe at this time of the year?
5. What does Andrés mean when he said "*We could not believe the news*"?
What do you think your reaction would have been? What are some common reactions that we have when receiving unexpected or negative news?
6. Why wouldn't Clara stop crying?
7. Why does Andres feel like things would be OK anymore the night before his departure?
8. What are the small blue booklets that Tía Elena handed to Clara and Andrés? What are they usually for?

9. Why do you think that people talk so much about the border? What is the border?
Are there other borders? Where they and what are is their purpose?
10. Why did Tía Elena pull over and start crying after crossing the border?
11. What are the differences between the school in Texas and the school in San Felipe?
12. What does it mean to be terrified? Have you ever felt something similar? What were your reactions like?
13. What is it that made Andrés feel at ease?
14. According to Mr. Trevor, what would Andres and Clara have to do in order to reach their goals?
15. Why did Andres start questioning what Mr. Trevor said about dreams becoming true?
16. Think about the day when Andres and Clara's mom arrived and the specific setting at that time
that the author mentions; How would you contrast the day's weather and their feelings?
17. Why did Andres panic when he woke up?
18. Why do you think Andrés was not hungry?
19. Why did Andres' mom not let him stay home the day after her arrival?
20. How do Andres' feelings change about reaching his goals throughout the story? What are some of your dreams?
What do you think you need to do to reach them?