

Rubric for  
The First Tortilla Response Organizer

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Identification of Character Traits	The student identifies 3 character traits and uses concrete examples from the story to clearly justify choice.	The student identifies 3 character traits but uses examples to vaguely illustrate choice.	The student identifies less than 3 character traits and/or examples from the story do not illustrate choice.	The student identifies character traits, but does not give examples from the story.
Identification of cultural clues	The student clearly identifies 3 or more elements from the text and pictures that illustrate the Mexican culture.	The student identifies 3 elements from the text and pictures that illustrate the Mexican culture.	The student identifies 1 or 2 elements from the text and pictures that illustrate the Mexican culture.	The student identifies the story as representing Mexican culture but does not identify elements.
Connections	The student states clear connections between this story and his/her previous knowledge and experiences using 3 or more examples.	The student states clear connections between this story and his/her previous knowledge and experiences using less than 3 examples.	The student states connections between this story and his/her previous knowledge and experiences.	The student makes vague connections between this story and his/her previous knowledge and experiences.
Activity Response	The student writes a paragraph that clearly relates what they learned from the story and/or activity and makes connections between the two.	The student writes a paragraph that relates what they learned from the story and/or activity.	The student writes a paragraph describing what they heard or did.	The student writes sentences describing what they heard or did.
Illustration	The illustration relates directly to the written response includes elements of the Mexican culture and/or depicts significant learning from the story and/or activity	The illustration relates to the written response, includes elements of the Mexican culture and/or depicts learning from the story and/or activity	The illustration somewhat relates to the written response or includes elements of the Mexican culture or the story.	The illustration does not relate to the written response.