

Maquiladora Case Study Reading Assignment

Text 1: [*U.S. Factory Leaves a Toxic Smell*](#)

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Stop and Jot 1: In your own words, explain the scene described in paragraphs 1-2. Why does the area look like this?

Stop and Jot 2: Why are Lujan and her neighbors finally beginning to feel hopeful?

Stop and Jot 3: What do you think this section of the text will be about based on the subheading above? Breakdown the language “legislation lacking.” What does it mean?

Stop and Jot 4: Who is Jose Kahn (reference paragraph 3 if you forget) and in your own words, explain what we learned about him in paragraph 9.

Stop and Jot 5: What might it mean to “use the border as a shield against enforcement?” How does this apply to the topic of environmental racism?

Think: What border? What do they mean by shield? Enforcement of what?

Stop and Jot 6: Share your thoughts and opinions about the information in paragraphs 16-17. While thinking of an opinion, consider who owned this plant in the first place and who controls it.

Stop and Jot 7: Why is this detail about Veronica Cruz important? What does it reveal?

Stop and Jot 8: How does the information in paragraph 26 contribute to your existing understanding of environmental justice?

Text 1: [Maquiladoras: Mexican Factory Assembly Plants for the U.S. Market](#)

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Stop and Jot #1: Before you begin reading the article, think about what you've learned about maquiladores so far. Why do you think the United States puts manufacturing plants in Mexico? What are your opinions about this (in other words, do you think it's okay that the US uses maquiladores?)

Stop and Jot #2: Based on the author's language in paragraph 1, what can you tell about their opinion of maquiladoras? How does that compare to your opinion?

Stop and Jot #3: What are your opinions about the benefits described in paragraph 2?

Stop and Jot #4: Why is the number of maquiladoras decreasing?

Stop and Jot #5: “The benefits for the profitability of a foreign- owned business is clear.” What does this mean?

Stop and Jot #6: What are your thoughts about the language and word choice in paragraph 8?

Stop and Jot #7: What is this author’s opinion on the maquiladoras in Mexico? Do you have any counterarguments for that?