

Explication 1
DUE 10/06/15

Instructions:

Use **one** of the questions below to prompt you to select a specific quote to support your response to the particular question. Answer only ONE of the questions below. If you are interested in writing about an aspect of a text not included in the questions below, please email me with your selected quote and thesis statement. Make sure you explain the significance of the quote you choose as well as relate the quote to the significance of the work as a whole. **Write approximately 500 words, double-spaced, 12pt. times new roman font. DO NOT EXCEED THE WORD LIMIT. INCLUDE A WORD COUNT AT THE END OF YOUR ESSAY.**

Select **one** of the following questions and use a quote to support your argument:

1. Discuss the significance of land in the creation of the Mexican American identity. You can reference either the chapter by Foley, or writings by Jovita González, or the chapter by Gloria Anzaldúa.
2. Why does Anzaldúa compare the Rio Grande to a serpent?
3. How does Mexican American writing redefine what we mean by “environmental literature?”
4. Discuss how Anzaldúa’s chapter or Jovita González’s folktale is an example of environmental justice writing.
5. How does erotophobia contribute to environmental destruction?
6. Your own topic, but please email me with your quote and your thesis statement first.