

## Gifted English 10: World Literature and Composition

### *Bless Me, Ultima* reading and analysis assignment

For each of the following sections of the novel, you will complete and submit 8 reading log entries and 10 vocabulary words.

- Chapters 1-7
- Chapters 8-15
- Chapters 16-22

#### Archetypes & Borders Reading Log

As you read, you need to identify quotations (cite page numbers) that are significant to this coming-of-age novel's meaning, especially as these quotations reveal archetypes within the story and elements of Antonio Marez's border crossing as he journeys to adulthood. For each section of the novel, identify and discuss four quotations that illustrate archetypes and four quotations that focus on Antonio's border crossing.

#### Vocabulary Acquisition

During your reading, identify words that are unfamiliar to you and that you would like to incorporate into your own vocabulary. Write the sentence from the book with the word in it and indicate page number in a parenthetical citation. Record the definition(s) of the word and at least one alternate form on the word. If multiple definitions exist, choose the definition(s) that fits the context of the book's sentence. Create a sentence of your own using the new word in proper context. [A list of SAT vocabulary words appearing the novel is appended to these instructions.]

admonish	cursory	interminable	pungent
audacity	emanate	intone	revel
barrage	emphatic	irrevocable	stoic
blasphemy	heed	labyrinth	succulent
bravado	idyllic	ominous	tenacity
cohort	impending	portent	turgid
contrition	indolent	precariouly	

#### Glossary of Spanish vocabulary

<i>abraza</i>	embrace	<i>hijito</i>	little son
<i>amigos</i>	friends	<i>huevos</i>	eggs or balls
<i>aviso</i>	lamplight	<i>jodido</i>	weakling
<i>bizochitos</i>	little cakes	<i>llano</i>	plains, prairie
<i>bosque</i>	woods, grove of trees	<i>llaneros</i>	plainsmen
<i>bruja</i>	witch	<i>maldecido</i>	curse
<i>bulto</i>	ghost	<i>la misa del gallo</i>	midnight mass
<i>cabritos</i>	little goats	<i>mitote</i>	tall tale, myth, lie
<i>cabron</i>	asshole	<i>molino</i>	mill for grinding corn
<i>campo santo</i>	holy field	<i>pesadilla</i>	nightmare
<i>compadres</i>	close associates	<i>puta</i>	whore
<i>crudo</i>	hung over	<i>rico</i>	rich
<i>cuentos</i>	stories	<i>sala</i>	living room
<i>curandera</i>	one who cures with herbs and magic	<i>scapular</i>	religious necklace made of fabric
<i>encanto</i>	cure or spell	<i>suerte</i>	luck
<i>entremetido</i>	meddler, intruder	<i>tejano</i>	Texan
<i>grillo</i>	cricket	<i>la tristeza de la vida</i>	the sadness of life
<i>farol</i>	lamplight	<i>velorio</i>	wake, funeral
<i>la Grande</i>	old, wise woman		