

GROUP DIALOGUE CIRCLE & JOURNAL Questions

Chapter 5 p. 177-190, Epilogue, and Overall

Chapters	Critical Questions for Dialogue Circle and Dialogue Journal
<p>Five P. 177-190</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jose Luis' son begins to narrate the chapter- what is his perspective on his life and upbringing in your opinion ?What are his feelings about traveling to El Salvador? Why does he want to visit El Salvador? He writes".After mom told me I got my angry streak from the night he hit her, a part of me quit being angry" p. 180 -Do you think the story Maria told him healed his anger.... Why or why not ? Have stories healed you from having outburst / strong emotions? How ? Explain, 2. Read -Claribel Alegria poems - What do you think of this poem- What does the poem mean? What does it mean to you? 3. Have you ever had to look for and try to find a loved one who has been missing? How did it feel? Explain... How do you think Jose Luis feels having to find and search for a loved one?Did Jose Luis (the son) find Jose Luis Alegria ? Do you think he is alive ? Why ? How do you know? 4. Do you know people who have been a part of Mothers of the Disappeared? What is their experience? Why do you think people who look for their loved ones do not rest until they find them? Explain. 5. On page 186 Mary / Maria narrates How does Mary/ Maria's experience in El Salvador differ from her son's ? The story of El Salvador was new to him but not to his mom... what does this mean. How did the trip to El Salvador change Jose Luis ?
<p>Epilogue P. 193-94</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was that Jose Luis Romero writing to Maria? Jose Luis wrote back he did not die ? How do people deal with war / civil war, genocide? How does one survive this trauma? How would you survive a traumatic event like this one 2. Review the website <i>Surviving Memory in Postwar El Salvador</i> https://www.elsalvadormemory.org/ - Discussion ?s The website says they are documenting and archiving the war in El Salvador from 1980-1992 because they do not want something like this violence to happen again in the future. Do you think projects like this one will prevent violence in the future? How ? Why? Does this website help to raise our political conscious on the effects of war , violence and genocide .