

### Pre-Reading Whole Class Activity Chapter 3

Listen to Ali Perros song- "Techos de carton"  
*Que triste, se oye la lluvia (How sad, the rain is heard)*  
*En los techos de cartón (On the cardboard roofs.)*  
*Que triste vive mi gente (How sadly my people live)*  
*En las casas de cartón. (In the cardboard houses.*

This song was prohibited/ banned in El Salvador-  
Song here-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9Hc-Bi-iE4>

Ask students- Why do you think this song was censored? Can a song be dangerous? Why or why not? What makes this song dangerous?

Read Nativity poem by Demetria Martinez

This poem was the one used to try to sentence Demetria Martinez to **25 years in prison.**

**Listen to Demetria Martinez explaining why she was put on trial for her poem Nativity.**

Read a poem by Roque Dalton

Who is Roque Dalton read <https://revista.drclas.harvard.edu/roque-dalton/>

Poem

Here in Spanish and English =<http://cordite.org.au/translations/serrano-dalton/2/>

Documentaries of Roque in Spanish

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfohbY5sQDA> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4LaLN-bLuo>

Discuss his poem OEA/ OAS and EL gran despecho/ Spite

Why does he say that the nation is fake and made up?

Spite poem: Why does he say all those presidents / generals of different countries are his president?

You can also read his love poem.

Pablo Neruda

Article of Neruda

What we can learn from Neruda's poetry

<https://www.theparisreview.org/blog/2018/03/26/pablo-nerudas-poetry-of-resistance/>

Pablo Neruda Poems

<https://allpoetry.com/Pablo-Neruda>

Read about who Claribel Alegria is and read one of her poems

<https://bombmagazine.org/articles/1988/07/01/four-poems-alegria/>