

# Teacher Discussion Guide

## **Chavez Ravine Before the Cheers**

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**Recommended Ages: 5–9**

### ***About the Book***

This gentle picture book introduces students to the ideas of home, community, and change through the eyes of a young girl named Rosa. Set in a Los Angeles hillside neighborhood, the story offers an age-appropriate way to discuss memory and belonging without distressing content.

### ***Discussion Questions***

- 1 What makes a place feel like home?
- 2 How do the families in the story show they care for one another?
- 3 Why do you think Rosa remembers her neighborhood?
- 4 How can places hold memories of the people who lived there?
- 5 Have you ever seen a place change? How did it make you feel?

### ***Classroom Activities***

- 1 Students draw or write about a place that feels special to them.
- 2 Group discussion about what helps communities feel strong.
- 3 Share a family tradition or story connected to a place.

### ***Educational Connections***

This book supports social-emotional learning, early community studies, and reflective discussion. It is suitable for read-alouds, small-group lessons, and library storytime programs.