

WORK SHEET

MEXICO: DEFYING THE ODDS

Get ready for a workout! When you work out with weights, you start with gentle movements and light weights, then gradually increase the weight and the complexity of movements to make your muscles stronger.

This 10Q (10 questions) exercise does the same thing for your brain. It starts with relatively easy questions, then builds in difficulty and complexity as it goes along. Use this with the article on pp. 6-9 of the September 15, 2008, issue of *JS*.

QUESTIONS *(Write your answers to questions 3, 8, and 10 on a separate piece of paper.)*

- Who is César? Where does he live? _____

- Define the following terms: *migration, emigration, bracero program, Aztec empire*. _____

- Complete a Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How diagram or chart based on this topic: "The Life of César Velazquez Castro."
- What is César's favorite activity? How could it help him in the future? _____

- What "momentous decision" did César's family make? _____

- Why did the family think that César's older sister should go to the U.S. illegally? _____

- What domestic (within the country) problems does Mexico have overall? List problems/issues that Mexico's government should improve for its citizens.

- Create a cause/result chart on this topic: "Magdalena Emigrates to the U.S."
- Illegal immigration is a controversial topic in the U.S. What do you think the U.S. should do about such immigrants? Give reasons to support your ideas for how U.S. immigration policy should be changed.

- What challenges does a Mexican living in poverty face? Create a Venn diagram or a two-column chart comparing the problems of those who stay in Mexico with others who are living in the U.S. illegally.