

# The Corn Grows Ripe Worksheet 1

Foreword Q1: What does the word "Milpa" mean?

- A. Fruits and vegetables
- B. A field
- C. Corn
- D. An altar

Foreword Q2:

At the beginning of the dry season, Mayan farmers would \_\_\_\_\_, so they would \_\_\_\_\_, and then they would \_\_\_\_\_ them. At the beginning of the wet season, they would then \_\_\_\_\_, and at the end of the wet season, it was time to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ch1. Which is NOT a reason Tigre has his nickname?

- A. His skin color matches that of a jaguar
- B. He is lazy and likes to amuse himself like jaguars
- C. It matches the saint's name of his birth date
- D. He is spirited, mischievous, and curious

Ch2. Which of the following is NOT a reason Tigre's father says he needs to clear new land every year?

- A. The animals and gods need a place to live
- B. It would take more work
- C. The bush keeps out weeds and enriches the soil
- D. The land gets tired and needs rest

# The Corn Grows Ripe Worksheet 2

Ch3. What things does Dionisio spend the day doing on the day his father is injured?

(Choose all that apply)

- A. Washing clothes
- B. Playing ball
- C. Chopping firewood
- D. Going to school
- E. Clearing land
- F. Feeding chickens

Ch4. True or False

The people of the local town believe in the Christian God.

Ch5A. What happens to the parents whose children don't learn to read?

Ch5B. Which Saint Day was Dionisio's brother born on?

- A. John the Apostle
- B. James the Apostle
- C. John the Baptist
- D. Jude, Jesus' Brother

# The Corn Grows Ripe Worksheet 3

Ch6. Which ISN'T a reason Tigre's family raises chickens, according to the book?

- A. To provide feathers for bedding
- B. To provide food for eating
- C. To provide eggs for trading
- D. To provide payment for the medicine man

Ch7. Which of the following does Tigre NOT do to produce a good burn?

- A. Cut a burning stick from the Catzin Tree
- B. Scatter pozole for an offering
- C. Whistle so the wind god carries the fire across the field
- D. Shout loudly so the rain god will bring rain to put out the fire

Ch8. How will the people celebrate the day of Holy Cross? (Choose all that apply)

- A. Bull Riding
- B. Rope Judging
- C. Feasting
- D. Dancing
- E. Bullfighting

Ch9. List three ways the people dressed up for the fiesta.

# The Corn Grows Ripe Worksheet 4

Ch10. What is a planting stick for?

- A. For balancing while being and Standing during planting
- B. Making holes in the ground
- C. Pressing seeds into the soil
- D. To support growing plants and vines

Ch11 Which items were presented at Chan Tata's Hetz Mek? (Choose all that apply)

- A. A cooking pot
- B. A machete
- C. A book
- D. A pair of sandals
- E. A piece of money
- F. A suit of clothes
- G. A prayer book
- H. A Bible

Ch12. What are 2 items the Maya sacrificed to the rain gods?

Ch13. Which animal did Tigre represent during Chac Chac?

# The Corn Grows Ripe Worksheet 5

Ch14. When the rain finally come, what type of rain was it?

- A. Light drizzle
- B. Sprinkle
- C. Heavy Rain
- D. Thunderstorm

Ch15. If the parent allows, these can be answered orally.

- A. Who is the main character of this book?
- B. What is the setting?
- C. Why do you think the author wrote this book?

# Answers

Foreword1. C

Foreword2. Cut trees, dry out, burn, sow seed, harvest corn

Ch1. C

Ch2. A

Ch3. C, D

Ch4. True

Ch5A. They are fined

Ch5B. C

Ch6. A

Ch7. D

Ch8. B, C, D, E, F

Ch9. Men-new haircuts and red handkerchiefs around their necks, stiff white suits, and silk shirts. Women- new hair ribbons and new embroidered huipil (blouse), gold jewelry. Girls- white dresses and hats with flowers and ribbons.

Ch10. B

Ch11. B, C, D, E, F, G

Ch12. Burnt candles, tortillas, pozole, prayers and chants, chickens, boys, girls, chocolates, jewelry, "great treasures"

Ch13. Frog

Ch14. D

Ch15.

A. Dionisio/Tigre

B. Mexico/near Chichen Itza/Mayan territory

C. to teach people about Mayan culture, to demonstrate life in Mexico, answers will vary.