**Futures Forum: Just Lather, That’s All- Hernando Tellez**

1. A) Describe Torres' entrance into the barber shop.

Torres came into the barber shop quiet & tough, not really caring. Said it was extremely hot outside & just to give him a shave. Basically sounding like he just wanted to get it over with.

B) Describe the barber's reaction to Torres's entrance.

The barber seemed kind of scared that he came in. Curious, didn’t know what to expect.

C) What do these details reveal about each character?

That the barber is not so much of a tough guy & that Torres is a tough straight forward laid back guy.

1. The barber debates whether or not he should kill Torres. Create a T-chart to highlight the main reasons explain why the barber should or should not kill Torres. Be sure to put a minimum of 3 reasons on each side.

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| * Torres killed people for no good reason. * He hung the people naked & shot at them. | * No one should kill anyone. * The barber has nowhere to hide the body. * He would have to leave the town & leave everything behind with the chance of getting caught. |

1. Torres` purpose in coming to the barber shop is not simply for a shave. What do you think the true reason for the visit is? Explain your ideas fully.

To see if the barber would kill him or not because of what he did to all the people.

1. Discuss how the line Torres delivers as he leaves the barber shop changes your perspective on a) Torres` character b) the story as a whole?
2. It made Torres seem like a tough trustworthy guy that he would go into a place where everyone said he would get killed, and trust that the barber wouldn’t kill him.
3. This makes the story seem like more of a lesson. Teaching that all you need is to have faith in people & be able to trust them.
4. Do you think the use of violence to bring about political change can be justified? If so, at what point does political violence cease to be justified? If not, how can political change be brought about if the party in power will not allow compromises?

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6. We are currently living in a time of great political change. Using the Internet (online newspapers, magazines etc), research a current example of political instability in the world.

Is violence being used by the party in power to control the people? Are other methods of control, such as a hostile police presence or forced taxes being used? Are there factions of people using violence to bring about political change? Are any groups using nonviolent methods like civil disobedience? What are the basic issues around which the conflict revolves? Be prepared to share your findings with the class. You may also want to discuss your discoveries in blog entry.