



Do Now #4

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Read the biography below about Gary Soto's childhood. Then, answer the questions that follow.

Gary Soto was born on April 12, 1952, to working-class Mexican-American parents. He grew up in the San Joaquin Valley of California where most jobs included picking oranges, cotton, and grapes for very little pay, or working in dangerous packing houses of local businesses, such as the Sunmaid Raisin Company. When Soto was just five years old, his father was killed in an accident while working at Sunmaid.

After his father's death, the family moved to a rough neighborhood in an industrial area of Fresno. To make ends meet, Angie Soto took what jobs she could find. As Gary and his siblings got older they, too, worked in the fields and factories of Fresno. Regardless, the family struggled. Working left little time for school, and when Soto did go, he got very bad grades.

(Adapted from: <https://www.notablebiographies.com/news/Sh-Z/Soto-Gary.html#ixzz5lMi66tD4>)

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