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Rain of Gold Essay

There were many instances in Rain of Gold where different conflicts and events would interfere with the characters way of thinking or actions that would lay out in the future. But there was 3 key events in the book that would change the course of characters lives and their actions. The different events provided in Rain of Gold that characters experience, generates opportunities for them to change the unfolding conflicts.

The first piece of the book consist of when Salvador got arrested, for gambling, and sent to a prison. During his visit, he met Al which then he later discovered that he can make good quality whiskey. Salvador figured that while he is there, he might as well learn how to make liquor. "...that I'd like to pay you a few dollars per day to teach me how to make liquor." (Villasenor, 283). This allowed Salvador to later, get out of prison, and set up his own business on a distillery; selling bootleg whiskey. This part is significant because later in the book, it would cause Juan his chances to get to Lupe.

The second piece of information is when Lupe rejected Mark for Salvador. In the book, Lupe went to the library and fell in love with Mark. But after many months being

with Salvador, and having him kissed her, she finally told Mark what she felt. “But simply, Salvador had kissed her first...she was ready to follow him into the world’s end.” (Salvador, 460). This event was important because if her relationship with Mark continued, then most likely, Salvador’s relationship with her might had been impacted immensely.

The last piece of the puzzle was when Don Victor did not tell anybody about Salvador drinking and his gambling problem. After the priest asked for marriage for Juan, Don Victor went out to scavenge information about Salvador. He found out that he drinks and that he loves to gamble. So, when the day of the answer came along, he pulled Salvador to the side and told him, “But you got to promise me that you’ll never hurt my Lupe.” This part of the book is so vital for the rest because if Don Victor had told everyone, then Dona Margarita would lose her mind and not allow him to marry Lupe. So Don Victor, luckily, kept it a secret so they happily got married.

So these 3 pieces of evidence show that characters experiences, generates opportunities for them to change the unfolding conflicts. If these events did not happen or happened differently than the conflict would have been changed to something else. That’s why it is very important to see and acknowledge these moments and their consequences if changed. There was the time that Salvador got arrested, Mark got rejected, and how Don Victor kept Salvador’s secret a secret. All of these key events unfolded the conflict and helped expand the tension in the book.

