### The Circuit – Chapter 9 “The Circuit”

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| THINK: This chapter was originally written as a short story, before the book itself was written. “The Circuit” is another symbol the author uses. What does the word “circuit” mean? What does “The Circuit” mean for Francisco? | Vocabulary* bracero – a migrant worker
* ya esora – its time
* listo – ready
* mi olla – my pot
* es todo – that’s everything
* tienen que tener cuidado – we have to be careful
* vámanos – let’s go
* quince – fifteen
* carne con chili – meat with chili beans
* corridos – Mexican ballads that tell stories, usually legends with heroes and criminals or love stories
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1. “I felt even more the weight of hours, days, weeks, and months of work.” What does this passage from the book tell us about how Francisco is beginning to feel about being on “the circuit?” (1 pt)
2. They spend quite a bit of time “fixing up” the garage. Why do you think they do this? In “Migrant Worker” what did Ricky say was the reason his mom didn’t like to stay in the labor camps? (2 pts)
3. Both Francisco and Ricky (from our other story), talk about their teachers. Describe several different ways that **both** teachers reached out to help students in their schools **and** communities. (3 pts)