

“Borders” Questions

1. What is the point of view? Who is the narrator in this story? Why do you think the author chose to tell the story from this perspective and not from the perspective of the mother or another character?
2. Why does Laetita’s mom refuse to declare her citizenship as either Canadian or American?
3. A flashback describes an earlier event in a story. Identify one example of a flashback and explain why it is important to the story.
4. How does the media help in getting the family across the border? Why do you think this is so?
5. The narrator notices the border guards’ guns several times. What might they symbolize?
6. Mel claims that the mother is “an inspiration to us all” (King 7). What does he mean by that? Do you agree with him? Explain.