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

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

He didn’t say a word. Torres’ walked in, loosened his tie and sat in the chair.

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

The barber started to tremble when he recognized who Torres’ was.

C) What do these details reveal about each character?

It shows the Torres’ is in the military and is the captain; the barber is just a barber that is working for the soldiers.

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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| *Why the barber should* | *Why the barber shouldn’t* |
| *Torres’ hung four people* | *He didn’t want to be a murderer* |
| *Torres‘ used people for target practice* | *There would be blood and a body he would need to hide* |
| *Torres’ was punishing all of the people* | *He would need to flee* |

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.

At the end of the story Torres’ said "They told me that you'd kill me. I came to find out. But killing isn't easy. You can take my word for it." I think Torres’ wanted to see if the barber was gutsy enough to kill the captain when he had a chance to do.

4. 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?

It changes my perspective a little just on Torres. In the beginning it sounded like he enjoyed doing those horrible things to those people, but the last line said it is hard to kill a person.

1. 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 are brought about if the party in power will not allow compromises?

I believe that political violence should never be allowed. No matter what violence is never an option? If a party where to allow this violence, I think parties should look at what the crime is against them, then decide if the person is worthy of being punished.

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.

Afghanistan

The current president of Afghanistan is Hamid Karzai. To this day there are many countless Afghan refugees living in different parts of the world. For those Afghans living in Afghanistan, life is still dangerous. In the South, conflict continues to rage on and the Taliban have managed to reemerge. According to Amnesty International's 2007 report, violence and human rights abuses are still a common reality in Afghanistan due to weak governance.

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