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Bless Me, Ultima Chapters 19-21 Commentaries

Directions: Fill in the blanks as you listen to the commentary being read aloud. These commentaries should help you better understand the novel. You will receive credit for filling this commentary out in full.

After Antonio _____ to achieve understanding through communion, his religious doubts intensify. After repeated failures to receive God's _____ for why evil exists, Antonio even ventures the thought that He does not exist. His faith in God is further _____ when Ultima is able to lift the curse on Tellez's home whereas a priest failed.

He senses that his friends are also undergoing a lot of _____. When the Vitamin Kid does not want to race anymore, Antonio mourns the _____ of "something good." Nevertheless, he _____ the changes in his friends and his relationship with them as an inevitability.

Although Antonio despairs of understanding why evil exists, he finds _____ in his spiritual relationship with the land and nature. He owes his multi-faceted appreciation of these things to the differing _____ of his mother, his father, and Ultima. Antonio has finally achieved a kind of harmony regarding his radically different heritages. His _____ to peacefully enjoy the land's beauty provides him with respite from the unanswerable question of evil

At the moment his confidence in Catholicism wanes to almost _____. Antonio begins going again with Cico to wait for the _____. While watching the golden carp, Antonio achieves a sense of _____ that Catholicism does not give him. The golden carp allows him to appreciate the _____, soothing his constant anxiety regarding the existence of evil.

Tragically, Florence dies just before Antonio and Cico can initiate him into the _____ of the golden carp. Antonio performs as a priest for the third time in the novel. However, he has no sense of hope while he recites the Act of Final Contrition for Florence. In addition to the tragedy of seeing a _____ die, Antonio is also exposed to the nastier side of human moral _____. The lifeguard on duty yells at the boys for ruining his "_____." Horse and the others say Florence went swimming in the forbidden area against their _____.