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# SPANISH I

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Class 5<sup>th</sup>

## LIGHT READING BOOK REPORT #3

### FOCUS: WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

150-350 words

Pick a novel that appeals to you and with which you can fulfill the requirements of this assignment. This will be a novel that is both interesting and comprehensible to you. It should be appealing to you and it should not be too hard for you to read—you should be able to read most of it without using a dictionary (looking up a few words per page is OK). Your grade will be based on: 1) Completion of the task outlined below, 2) Evidence that you have read and understood the novel by using the vocabulary and concepts from the book in your answers and 3) The Level of Expression and reflection in your answers.

Title of novel: Rival

Author: Mira Canion

# of pages that I read: 80

I rate this book (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

↓ ↓ ↓ TASK / FOCUS FOR READING:

- **DESCRIBE** at least **TWO (2)** **COINCIDENCES** that helped to set up or solve problems in the story.
- **EXPLAIN** the results of these coincidences with **EXAMPLES** from the story.

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Coincidences are often used by authors to lay down the foundation of their plot. They can also be used to foreshadow what might happen in the future. That said, coincidences can have both major and minor impacts on a story.

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A perfect example is on page 39 after Tarik approaches Clara and Jafar while they're eating and Clara blames Jafar for luring her out of the city so she could be kidnapped.

For a complete answer you will need to continue on the back of this sheet → → →

- What does it seem the author wants us to get from this story?

It's dangerous to make assumptions about people.  
Not everything is as it seems.

- This novel seems to have been written for what kind of reader?

More advanced Spanish readers interested in history and the culture of Spain.

"Foreign language isn't really a subject. It's a way to communicate while we talk about other subjects." — Charlotte Meyer

~~She makes this assumption because Safar is Arabic and a Muslim, even though he sincerely tries to defend her from Tarik.~~

X Another coincidence is on page 57 when Pedro is advancing his army to get into position for the battle but can only see one pass. However, at just the right time and place a shepherd nearby tells Pedro of another pass, even though it is long and difficult. If it weren't for that shepherd, Pedro and his troops would not arrive to their position for quite a while and it might've changed the outcome of the battle.

✓ In conclusion, coincidences can have a varying degree of impact on a story, no matter how lazy or well thought out they are. Personally, I believe coincidences are a cheap and lazy way of making things move along since such coincidences rarely occur naturally.