Discussion Prompts

The Circuit



Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the passage to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

- 1. Why is this story called "The Circuit"?
- 2. How does being a child in a migrant family affect the narrator?
- **3.** Why is Papa proud of his car?
- **4.** Why doesn't the narrator share his feelings, hopes, and dreams with his parents?
- **5.** Use the plot to evaluate the kind of work in the fields that adults and children do.
- **6.** Why does the narrator want to tell his family about learning to play the trumpet?
- **7.** Does the narrator grow up and change in this story? Cite text evidence.
- **8.** What does the circuit symbolize?