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A: Analyze and Evaluate Structure: Argument

1. After reading the first paragraph, what is Rodriguez's claim?

B: Determine Author's Purpose: Irony

2. What is Rodriguez trying to say in lines 1-3? Is this how he really feels or is he exaggerating to make a point?

C: Analyze and Evaluate Structure: Argument

3. Identify Rodriguez's claim in lines 46-54. What support does he give us?

D: Determine Author's Purpose: Irony

4. Which words and phrases does Rodriguez use to express tone (attitude) in lines 55-62?

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E: Determine Author's Purpose: Irony

1. How is Rodriguez's statement that he was "reinvented by President Richard Nixon" an exaggeration?

F: Analyze and Evaluate: Argument

2. What is the anecdote used in lines 72-75, and how does it support Rodriguez's feelings in the previous paragraph?

G: Critical Vocabulary

3. Rodriguez states in lines 99-112 that *Hispanic* "is a term denoting culture." What does he mean by this?

Vocabulary

Verbal Irony-

Cull-

Anecdote-

Tone-

Dialectic-

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H: Analyze and Evaluate Structure: Argument

1. In lines 140-150, analyze the examples Rodriguez uses and explain how they help illustrate and support his argument.

I: Determine Author's Purpose: Irony

2. Using lines 162-173, why is Rodriguez's claim that he is Chinese ironic? What is he trying to say?

J: Analyze and Evaluate Structure: Argument

3. How does the anecdote in lines 183-189 support and explain Rodriguez's central claim in the essay?

K: Determine Author's Purpose: Irony

4. Explain whether or not the last sentence of the essay is intended to be ironic. Support your view with evidence from the text?