“Jose! Born to Dance”
Study Guide

1. Why does the author tell about the pet canary that sang to Jose?

2. When did Jose first see the dancers?

3. At the beginning of the story, why does the author describe different types of dancing?

4. What is the main reason the author uses Spanish words?

5. When did Jose and his family move to Nogales?

6. What effect did the students’ teasing having on Jose?

7. Why does Jose go to New York?

8. What does Jose mean when he says, “New York is a cemetery”?

9. Why did the author write this story?

10. How does the author state the purpose of writing this story?