

Reading Guide for **The Journey**

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Summary: "The Journey" follows Katelya, a transgender woman who is traveling from Honduras to the U.S - Mexico border to seek asylum.

A. Review the key vocabulary words:

Transgender, pariah, asylum

B. As you read, use details from the text to respond to the following questions:

1. Where did Katelya migrate from? Why did she leave?
2. According to a network of right groups, how many LGBTQIA people have been killed in Latin America and the Caribbean?
3. How long did Katelya spend stopped in Tapachula, Mexico, and why?
4. What challenges did Katelya face on her journey to the U.S. border?
5. How long did Katelya wait at the U.S. border to make her case for asylum, and why?
6. How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted Katelya's application for asylum?

C. Write or discuss your responses to the following questions:

1. In the second paragraph of this article, the author mentions that "spiraling violence is fueled by machismo -- exaggerated expressions of masculinity." What is the connection between cultures of exaggerated masculinity and gender-based violence? How might a culture of machismo in a country impact lesbian, intersex, gay, and bisexual people who live there?
2. The article discusses the impact that the pandemic has had on migration. In what other

ways can you infer that the COVID-19 pandemic has affected life for migrants on the border of the U.S and Mexico?