**Power of Place: Boundaries and Borderlands Viewing Guide**

Applies the conceptual tools of the geographer--relative location, distance and scale, realms and regions, and human environmental interaction--all through a spatial perspective.

*Case Study* -A single Mexican mother of four smuggles cigarettes across the U.S. border to support her family, embodying the geographic issues that both divide and unite these two borderland-area realms.

1. Describe some characteristics of the following using a spatial perspective.

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| Campestre | Anapra |
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1. How does the relative location of Juarez to El Paso affect both cities. Explain.
2. How do regions play a role for Concha and others like her?
3. Explain the concept “borderland region” and what are the common characteristics we see in most borderland regions? Provide specific examples of why the US Mexican border is an excellent example of a borderland region.
4. Identify examples of the following regions in the film and the unifying characteristic for each region.

* Formal region
* Functional region
* nformal / Perceptual Cultural region

1. Explain “operation hold the line”. Explain how is it different from the previous US border policy?
2. What inadvertent effects is this policy having on immigration between the US and Mexico?
3. How could a spatial perspective help us to understand the changing realities of relative location?