Continent book report Q3

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My book was The Crossing by Gary Paulson. The book is about a young boy that goes by the name Manny, in Mexico that is facing a point in time where he needs to find a new way to survive. That way for him is to cross the border into the USA and go into a shelter where they will feed him. What happens in the book though starts as Manny finding some money and getting a chicken and getting a lot of food and stuffing himself until he can’t eat anymore. Then it goes to a soldier’s point of view. He is sitting in a strip club in the back in a dark corner drinking pure scotch. He did this every night while the other drunken soldiers were up front by the dancers. The soldiers name is Sargent Robert, or Robert. Robert is always drunk because if he isn’t then his friends that died in Vietnam would come and want to take him with them; Robert described this as “the edge”. The edge always had to be curved. After that Manny runs into Robert in an ally. Robert was vomiting from being drunk. So Manny tries to reach for his wallet and is unsuccessful. Manny ends up getting away. The second time they meet Manny sees Robert go into a café to eat lunch so he walks in and sits by him. Robert is nice enough to by Manny whatever he wants so he pretty much buys the menu. As Robert watches he eat he is reminded of a monkey that had eaten everything at a party he went to and after words gets eaten by a snake. Robert says that Manny is the monkey eating. Before Manny is done eating Robert leaves and Manny follows. They go to a bull fight and Robert is petrified from what they did to the bull. Then they don’t meet until a week later. When they are walking Manny has been lieing to Robert the entire time to get money out of him. This time Manny tells the truth. After that they get surrounded by four gangsters and Roberts fights all four of them. In the end the gangsters die and so does Robert. Robert tells Manny to take his wallet and cross so that Manny can have a better life.

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