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# AGREGATION EXTERNE D'ANGLAIS

# ÉPREUVE HORS PROGRAMME

### **Première partie** (en anglais, durée maximale : 40 minutes)

Vous procéderez à l'étude et à la mise en relation argumentée des trois documents du dossier proposé (A, B, C non hiérarchisés). Votre présentation ne dépassera pas 20 minutes et sera suivie d'un entretien de 20 minutes maximum.

#### **Deuxième partie** (*en français, durée maximale : 5 minutes*)

À l'issue de l'entretien de première partie, et à l'invitation du jury, vous vous appuierez sur l'un des trois documents du dossier pour proposer un projet d'exploitation pédagogique dans une situation d'enseignement que vous aurez préalablement définie. Cette partie ne donnera lieu à aucun échange avec le jury.

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# **DOCUMENT A**

# Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales. *I am Joaquin – Yo soy Joaquin* [1967], New York: Bantam, 1972, pp. 6-54.

	I am Joaquín,
	lost in a world of confusion,
	caught up in the whirl of a
-	gringo society,
5	confused by the rules,
	scorned by attitudes,
	suppressed by manipulation,
	and destroyed by modern society.
	My fathers
10	have lost the economic battle
	and won
	the struggle of cultural survival.
	And now! I must choose
15	between
15	the paradox of
	victory of the spirit,
	despite physical hunger,
	or
20	to exist in the grasp
20	of American social neurosis,
	sterilization of the soul
	and a full stomach.
	Yes,
25	I have come a long way to nowhere,
-	unwillingly dragged by that
	monstrous, technical,
	industrial giant called
	Progress
30	and Anglo success
	I look at myself.
	I watch my brothers.
	I shed tears of sorrow.
	I sow seeds of hate.
35	I withdraw to the safety within the
	circle of life—
	MY OWN PEOPLE
	I am Cuauhtémoc,
	proud and noble,
40	leader of men,
-0	king of an empire
	civilized beyond the dreams

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45	of the gachupín Cortés, who also is the blood, the image of myself. I am the Maya prince.
50	I am Nezahualcóyotl, great leader of the Chichimecas. I am the sword and flame of Cortés the despot. And
	I am the eagle and serpent of the Aztec civilization. I owned the land as far as the eye
55	could see under the Crown of Spain, and I toiled on my earth and gave my Indian sweat and blood for the Spanish master
60	who ruled with tyranny over man and beast and all that he could trample. But THE GROUND WAS MINE.
65	I was both tyrant and slave. As Christian church took its place in God's good name,
	to take and use my virgin strength and trusting faith, the priests,
70	both good and bad, took— but
	gave a lasting truth that Spaniard Indian
75	Mestizo were all God's children. And
80	from these words grew men who prayed and fought for
	their own worth as human beings, for that
85	GOLDEN MOMENT of FREEDOM.
	I was part in blood and spirit of that courageous village priest
90	Hidalgo who in the year eighteen hundred and ten

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	rang the bell of independence
	and gave out that lasting cry—
05	el grito de Dolores:
95	"Que mueran los gachupines y que viva la Virgen de Guadalupe" <sup>1</sup>
	I sentenced him
	who was me
	I excommunicated him, my blood.
100	I drove him from the pulpit to lead
	a bloody revolution for him and me.
	I killed him.
	His head,
	which is mine and of all those
105	who have come this way,
	I placed on that fortress wall
	to wait for independence.
	Morelos! Matamoros!
110	Guerrero!
110	all compañeros in the act,
	STOOD AGAINST THAT WALL OF
	INFAMY
	to feel the hot gouge of lead
115	which my hands made.
	I died with them
	I lived with them
	I lived to see our country free.
120	Free from Spanish rule in
120	from Spanish rule in eighteen-hundred-twenty-one.
	Mexico was free??
	The crown was gone
	but
125	all its parasites remained
	and ruled
	and taught
	with gun and flame and mystic power.
	I worked
130	I sweated
	I bled
	I prayed and waited silently for life
	to begin again.
	to begin again.
135	I fought and died
	for
	Don Benito Juárez,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Spanish in lines 94-96 reads: "the cry of pain: 'Let the Spaniards die and the Virgin of Guadalupe live'".

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	guardian of the Constitution.
	I was he
140	on dusty roads
	on barren land
	as he protected his archives
	as Moses did his sacraments.
	He held his Mexico
145	in his hand
	on
	the most desolate
	and remote ground
	which was his country.
150	And this giant
	little Zapotec
	gave
	not one palm's breadth
	of his country's land to
155	kings or monarchs or presidents
	of foreign powers.
	I am Joaquin.
	I rode with Pancho Villa,
	crude and warm,
160	a tornado at full strength,
	nourished and inspired
	by the passion and the fire
	of all his earthy people.
	I am Emiliano Zapata.
165	"This land,
	this earth
	is
	OURS."
	The villages
170	the mountains
	the streams
	belong to Zapatistas.
	Our life
	or yours
175	is the only trade for soft brown earth
	and maize.
	All of which is our reward,
	a creed that formed a constitution
	for all who dare live free!
180	"This land is ours
	Father, I give it back to you.
	Mexico must be free"
	I ride with revolutionists
	against myself.
185	I am the Rurales,
	coarse and brutal,

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	I am the mountain Indian,
	superior over all.
	The thundering hoof beats are my horses.
190	The chattering machine guns
	are death to all of me:
	Yaqui
	Tarahumara
	Chamula
195	Zapotec
	Mestizo
	Español.
	I have been the bloody revolution,
200	the victor,
200	the vanquished. I have killed
	and been killed.
	I am the despots Díaz
	and Huerta
205	and the apostle of democracy,
205	Francisco Madero.
	I am
	the black-shawled
	faithful women
210	who die with me
	or live
	depending on the time and place.
	I am
	faithful,
215	humble
	Juan Diego,
	The Virgin of Guadalupe,
	Tonantzín, Aztec goddess, too.
	I rode the mountains of San Joaquín.
220	I rode east and north
	as far as the Rocky Mountains,
	and
	all men feared the guns of
~~~	Joaquín Murrieta.
225	I killed those men who dared
	to steal my mine,
	who raped and killed
	my love
230	my wife. Then
230	I killed to stay alive.
	I was Elfego Baca,
	living my nine lives fully.
	I was the Espinoza brothers
235	of the Valle de San Luis.

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	All
	were added to the number of heads
	that
	in the name of civilization
240	were placed on the wall of independence,
	heads of brave men
	who died for cause or principle,
	good or bad.
	Hidalgo! Zapata!
245	Murrieta! Espinozas!
	are but a few.
	They
	dared to face
250	The force of tyranny
250	of men who rule
	by deception and hypocrisy.
	by deception and hypochsy.
	I stand here looking back,
	and now I see
255	the present,
	and still
	I am a campesino,
	I am the fat political coyote—
	Ι,
260	of the same name,
	Joaquín,
	in a country that has wiped out
	all my history,
265	stifled all my pride,
265	in a country that has placed a different weight of indignity upon
	my
	age-
	old
270	burdened back.
	Inferiority
	is the new load
	The Indian has endured and still
	emerged the winner,
275	the Mestizo must yet overcome,
	And the gachupín <sup>2</sup> will just ignore.
	I look at myself
	and see part of me
	who rejects my father and my mother
280	and dissolves into the melting pot
	to disappear in shame.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> gachupín: a derogatory term applied to Spaniards in Mexico and Central America.

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I sometimes sell my brother out and reclaim him for my own when society gives me token leadership in society's own name. I am Joaquín, who bleeds in many ways.

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#### **DOCUMENT B**

#### Noam Chomsky. "The Unipolar Moment and the Obama Era", text of the lecture given at Nezahualcóyotl Hall, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), University City, Federal District, Mexico, September 21, 2009, retrieved from The Noam Chomsky Website, https://chomsky.info/200909211-2/

With regard to Latin America, post-World War II planners concluded that the primary threat to US interests is posed by "radical and nationalistic regimes [that] appeal to the masses of the population" and seek to satisfy the "popular demand for immediate improvement in the low living standards of the masses" and

- development for domestic needs. These tendencies conflict with the demand for 5 "a political and economic climate conducive to private investment," with adequate repatriation of profits and "protection of our raw materials." A large part of subsequent history flows from these unchallenged conceptions.
- In the special case of Mexico, a Latin America Strategy Development Workshop at the Pentagon in 1990 found that US-Mexico relations were 10 "extraordinarily positive," untroubled by stolen elections, state violence, torture, scandalous treatment of workers and peasants, and other minor details. Participants in the Workshop did, however, see one cloud on the horizon: the threat of "a `democracy opening' in Mexico," which, they feared, might bring "into
- office a government more interested in challenging the U.S. on economic and 15 nationalist grounds." The cure that was recommended was a US-Mexican treaty that would "lock Mexico in" to the neoliberal reforms of the 1980s, and would "tie the hands of the current and future governments" of Mexico with regard to economic policy. In brief, NAFTA, duly imposed by executive power, in opposition
- to the public will. 20

As NAFTA went into effect in 1994, President Clinton also instituted Operation Gatekeeper, which militarized the Mexican border. As he explained, "we will not surrender our borders to those who wish to exploit our history of compassion and justice." He had nothing to say about the compassion and justice

25 that inspired the establishment of those borders, and did not explain how the High Priest of neoliberal globalization dealt with the observation of Adam Smith that "free circulation of labor" is a foundation stone of free trade.

The timing of Operation Gatekeeper was surely not accidental. It was anticipated by rational analysts that opening Mexico to a flood of highly-subsidized US agribusiness exports would sooner or later undermine Mexican farming, and 30 that Mexican businesses would not be able to withstand competition from huge state-supported corporations that must be allowed to operate freely in Mexico under the treaty. One likely consequence would be flight to the United States, joined by those fleeing the countries of Central America, ravaged by Reaganite terror. Militarization of the border was a natural remedy. 35

Popular attitudes towards those fleeing their countries — called "illegal aliens" — are complex. They perform valuable services as super-cheap and easily exploitable labor. In the US, agribusiness, construction, and other industries rely substantially on them, and they contribute to the wealth of the communities where

they reside. On the other hand, they awaken traditional anti-immigrant sentiment, 40

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a striking and persistent feature of this immigrant society, with a history of shameful treatment of immigrants. In the past few weeks, the Kennedy brothers have been lauded as American heroes. In the late 19th century they would have had to walk past restaurants in Boston with signs saying "No dogs or Irish." Now Asian entrepreneurs are sparking innovation in the high tech sector. A century

45 Asian entrepreneurs are sparking innovation in the high tech sector. A century ago, racist Asian exclusion acts would have barred them from the country as threats to the purity of American society.

But whatever the history and the economic realities may be, immigrants have been perceived by the poor and working people as a threat to their jobs, livelihood, and life-styles. It is important to bear in mind that the people protesting angrily today have real grievances. They are victims of the financialization of the economy and the neoliberal globalization programs that are designed to transfer production abroad and to set working people in competition with each other worldwide, thus lowering wages and benefits, while protecting educated

- 55 professionals from market forces, and enriching owners and managers; the Smith maxim again. The effects have been severe since the Reagan years, and often manifest themselves in extremely ugly ways that are featured right now on the front pages. The two political parties are competing to see which can proclaim more fervently its dedication to the sadistic doctrine that "illegal aliens" must be
- 60 denied health care. Their stand is consistent with the legal principle, established by the Supreme Court, that these creatures are not "persons" under the law, hence are not entitled to the rights granted to persons. And at the very same moment, the Court is considering the question of whether corporations should be permitted to purchase elections openly instead of doing so only in more indirect ways — a
- 65 complex constitutional matter, because the courts have determined that unlike undocumented immigrants, corporations are real persons under the law, and in fact have rights far beyond those of persons of flesh and blood, including rights granted by the mislabelled "free trade agreements." These revealing coincidences elicit no comment. The law is indeed a solemn and majestic affair.
- 70 The spectrum of planning is narrow, but it does allow some variation. The Bush II administration went far to the extreme of aggressive militarism and arrogant contempt even for allies. It was harshly condemned for these practices, even within the mainstream. Bush's second term was more moderate. Some of the most extreme figures were expelled — Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, Douglas Feith,
- 75 and others; Cheney could not be removed because he was the administration. Policy began to return more towards the norm. As Obama came into office, Condoleezza Rice predicted that he would follow the policies of Bush's second term, and that is pretty much what happened, apart from a different rhetorical style, which seems to have charmed much of the world, perhaps out of relief that Bush is game
- 80 is gone.

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#### **DOCUMENT C**

Joseph Rodrigues. Untitled photograph, from Joseph Rodrigues, *Spanish Harlem: El Barrio in the '80s*, New York: Powerhouse, 2017.

