

Amina's
Voice
Novel
Study

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DIRECTIONS: Look up the following information about the author of your novel. You can use online or printed resources to research.

Title of Novel:

Author's Name:

Biographical Information

Birthday:

Hometown:

Background Information:

Most famous book:

Other books:

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Character Chart

<i>Character Name</i>	<i>Description of Character (with page numbers)</i>	<i>Character Traits for him/her</i>
Amina		◆ ◆ ◆
Soojin		◆ ◆ ◆
Mustafa		◆ ◆ ◆
Emily		◆ ◆ ◆
Thaya Jaan		◆ ◆ ◆
Mama or Baba		◆ ◆ ◆

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Chapters 3-5

1. We learn more information about Emily and Amina's history in this chapter. What happened?
2. Do you think it's right for Soojin to move on from the past and be Emily's friend, or do you think Amina's justified for feeling how she does? Explain why.
3. Why is Baba worried for his brother to visit America?
4. Do you think Amina is jealous of Emily? Why or why not?
5. What event is announced in the mosque that makes Amina panic?
6. Predict what you think is going to happen next.

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Chapters 6-10

1. Mama is very stressed about Baba's brother coming to visit. Do you think she feels added pressure because they live in America?

2. Amina worries that her clothes will absorb the smell of Mama's authentic cooking. Is there something that your family does that embarrasses you? Make a connection between your experience and Amina's.

3. Baba mentions that Mustafa should be in the competition because of his "community." Do you think Baba and Mustafa belong to the same community? Explain why or why not.

4. Do you think Amina will get out of the competition? Why or why not?

5. When Amina goes to Soojin's house she points out several differences and similarities between their cultures. List four of them.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

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Chapters 11-15 Figurative Language Study

Fill out the chart with the types of figurative language in this section. Use the previous figurative language study to help you.

Quote from Book	Chapter and Page Number	Type of Figurative Language	Explanation of why it's used
	Chapter ____ Page ____	Idiom	
	Chapter ____ Page ____	Personification	
	Chapter ____ Page ____	Simile	
	Chapter ____ Page ____	Imagery	
	Chapter ____ Page ____	Onomatopoeia	
	Chapter ____ Page ____	Hyperbole	

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Chapters 19 - 22

1. The Islamic Center is vandalized in chapter 20. What exactly happened?
2. What impact does the vandalism have on different characters in these chapters. List some of their reactions.

<i>Character</i>	<i>Reaction to Vandalism</i>
<i>Baba</i>	
<i>Mama</i>	
<i>Amina</i>	
<i>Mustafa</i>	

3. Amina fears that she is responsible for what happened to the mosque. Have you ever had a situation where you felt responsible for something even though it wasn't your actions that caused it? Describe it.
4. What brings everyone together at the end of chapter 22? How do you think that will change the rest of the story.

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Literary Elements Scavenger Hunt

Task	Example from Book	Page	Explanation, if required
Find a flashback.			
Find a good example of imagery.			
Describe the main character with one word. Find a passage to support your description.			
Find an example of foreshadowing.			
Find an example of irony or symbolism.			
Find your favorite or most powerful quote from the novel.			

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Chapters 11-15 Reflection

1. Think about a time when someone accused you of doing something wrong when you really didn't, like how Mustafa is being accused during chapter 12. How did the situation turn out in the end? Did it end up being a bigger deal than it should have?

2. Think about something that you love to do that you're (MAYBE) really good at. How would you react if a family member, friend, or someone told you that you could never do it again? Make a connection with Amina and the conversation she overheard at the end of chapter 13.

3. Can you think of any societies or cultures or families that have rules different from you? How would you feel if those rules became yours?

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6. What gift did Amina give to Soojin and why is she worried about her no longer using it?

7. Describe the trip to the airport to pick up Thaya Jaan.

8. Towards the end of chapter ten, what trait does Amina learn she has in common with Thaya Jaan?

Another Point of View Activity

Pretend you are Emily, Soojin, or Thaya Jaan and write a diary/journal entry about what's been happening so far. You could write about Amina not accepting Emily as a friend, Soojin's sadness/worry about Amina not accepting her wanting to change her name, or Thaya Jaan's interest in coming to visit America. Be creative!

	_____ 's Journal

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Quote from Book	Chapter and Page Number	Type of Figurative Language	Explanation of why it's used
"...and the huge words 'Sign up' underneath seem to scream out 'YOU'RE A CHICKEN' to me."	Chapter 3 Page _____		This example has the poster speaking as Amina's inner thoughts. She wants to be brave, but it scares her.
	Chapter 4 Page 37	Alliteration	
	Chapter 4 Page _____	Simile	
	Chapter 5 Page _____	Simile	
	Chapter 5 Page _____	Imagery	

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Chapters 1 and 2

1. What show do Amina and Soojin bond over?
2. What names is Soojin considering changing to? Do you think it's a good idea for her to make this change? Why or why not?
3. How does Amina feel about Emily? Why does she feel that way?
4. What embarrassing event does Amina accompany her parents to? Why does she have to go?
5. Why does Mustafa get angry when his parents accuse him of "getting out of control like those American boys"?
6. What activity does Mustafa want to do, and why do his parents hesitate letting him?
7. Why is Amina hesitant about Thaya Jaan coming to visit?

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Chapter Titles

As you read your novel, complete the following chart. If there aren't chapter titles, create your own and explain why you chose it.

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Reading Schedule

<i>Day</i>	<i>Reading Chapters</i>	<i>Reading Activity (ies)</i>	<i>Date</i>
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