

Group Members:  
Title of Book:  
Date: 3/16/0

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Josi

Literature Circles Discussion # 1

I. Roles

Fill out each role for today and remember that roles will rotate so that everyone will do each role over the next two weeks.

Today's Facilitator is:  
Today's Time Keeper is:  
Today's Note Taker is:

II. Discussion Notes

Take notes in the space below on the most important points of your discussion. Include any passages you discussed, anything you debated, had questions about, or simply found interesting or important. If someone in your group says something particularly insightful, give that person credit by jotting his/her name next to the comment.

- 1. Sultana fights w/ her brother
- 2. Sara is married to a sadistic person who abused her.
- 3. She attempts suicide
- 4. Al. gets in trouble for pornographic pictures
- Is education important for women?
- Anias - yes, the prince <sup>Faisal</sup> got married to Iffat and that caused the education of women.
- Janise - Do you agree w/ Sultana's action?
- Anias - its unfair how he got a role the next week
- Nichola - yea he deserved it
- Yux: - Rights of women
- Anias - Education now

### III. Perspective

In the chart provided, record your group's ideas about the bias or perspective of each of the following parties. Record at minimum 3 pieces of evidence to support each perspective. We will continue to add and/or revise this as we read further into the novel.

Author's bias toward/against the religious, political and/or cultural aspects of the novel	Evidence (including pg. #)
Author is against women's rights in the story, b/c she is on Sultan's side. She believes women should be equal politically.	
Main character's bias toward/against the religious, political and/or cultural aspects of the novel	Evidence (including pg. #)
she wants the same rights as her brother and she is angry towards him because of that.	• When Al. followed, shouting that he would tell father, I slammed the bathroom door on him pg 63
Our group's bias toward/against the religious, political and/or cultural aspects of the novel	Evidence (including pg. #) OR reasons, explanation
we feel bad for the women because they have no power or control in their lives and the men basically rule them	• Islam gives the right of divorce to men, without any question of motive. It is very difficult for a woman to divorce her husband pg 58

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The father wants to take the family back to Jerusalem so they can learn about the culture and they realized that their culture is very different from what they are used to</li><li>- Before they <del>the</del> went to Jerusalem the father took the family to New York</li></ul>	
Main character's bias toward/against the religious, political and/or cultural aspects of the novel	Evidence (including pg. #)
§ Liyanna doesn't want to leave because of a boy she likes.	
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We think it's a bad move for Liyanna because her life is in the U.S.	

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<p>She is bias because she uses only one point of view in the novel. She only uses Sultana's views.</p>	<p><del>Ownership of my body and soul</del> "Ownership of my body and soul would soon pass from my father to a stranger I would call my husband..." p. 120</p>
Main character's bias toward/against the religious, political and/or cultural aspects of the novel	Evidence (including pg. #)
<p>Sultana is against what the men are thinking. She feels like she can't really do anything.</p>	<p>"I waited for my destiny to unfold, arched as helplessly as an insect trapped in a wicked web not of its making." p. 120</p>
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