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Summer Reading Packet - Mrs. Cahill - *My Name is Parvana*

Pre-Reading

1. Research five facts about Afghanistan (e.g. languages, religion, population, area, capital, life expectancy, literacy rate, monetary unit, flag, geographical features, climate, historical information, art, architecture, music, media.)

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During Reading - Answer the following comprehension question for each chapter.

Chapter 1

6. Why has Parvana been placed in this prison?

7. Why do you think Parvana is refusing to say anything? What does that say about her character?

Chapter 2

8. Describe the cell that Parvana is in.

9. What is a shalwar kameez? What does Parvana's red shalwar kameez mean to her?

Chapter 3

10. Why does Parvana do multiplication tables in her mind? What else does she do to keep focused?

Chapter 4

11. What family members and friends do we learn more about in this chapter? What do we learn about each one?

12. Parvana speaks to a man from France. What does she ask him about?

Chapters 5 and 6

13. Why are the men in the village so angry with Parvana?

14. "She was about to choose her future" (page 68). What were her choices? Describe a time you made a very important choice in your life.

Chapters 7 and 8

15. "Her school was gone." (page 78) What do you predict happened to it?

16. What do Parvana's thoughts and actions in the cell show you about her character?

Chapter 9

17. Why is Parvana being treated this way? What does she do to endure it?

18. Describe the train of thoughts Parvana has about torture. What do you think of the thoughts she has?

Chapter 10

19. Why is Parvana so angry with her sister? What do you think of Nooria?

20. What is the second letter? Who do you think threw it?

Chapters 11 and 12

21. What are the corporal and major reading, and why?

22. How does the major misinterpret what Parvana wrote?

Chapter 13

23. What happens during the interrogation? What does Parvana do?

Chapters 14 and 15

24. How has Parvana's attitude toward school changed over time? What is her new role in the school?

25. What do you think is "something different about Ava" (page 124) What clues does the author give us about her?

Chapters 16 and 17

26. How did the scene with the crying soldier make you feel? What do you think of Parvana's response to the soldier? Why do you think the author included this scene?

27. What do you think of the way Parvana's mother treats her? How does chapter seventeen reinforce Parvana's feeling of loneliness?

Chapter 18

28. Whose idea was it to have the festival, and what was the intent? What events have you taken part in that were similar to the festival?

Chapter 19

29. Who do you think the woman who was tortured to death might be?

Chapter 20

30. Where do you think the mother is?

Chapter 21

31. How does Parvana show leadership in this chapter? What do you think of how she handles things?

32. What do we learn in this chapter that begins to explain why Parvana is in prison?

Chapter 22

33. What happened to the mother? Were you correct in your prediction?

Chapter 23

34. Parvana does the bravest thing she can think of: she tells Nooria to stay in New York and asks if Maryam can join her. Why is that brave?

35. The chapter ends with humor in its description of Mrs. Weera. What do you think she is like? What might she do to help?

Chapters 24 and 25

36. What happened to the school? How do you think the major knew about the buried weapons?

37. "Why did you blow up your own school?" (page 175). Why do you think this was the one question that Parvana decided to respond to?

Chapter 26

38. Parvana, Asif and the children face serious dangers. What are they?

39. Who shows up at the gate? How does the author make the entrance exciting and suspenseful?

Chapter 27

40. We learn that Shauzia who had told Parvana to "say nothing... not a word" (page 191) if she were captured. What do you think of her advice?

41. Why does Parvana feel compelled to return to the ruins of the school? What would you have told her to do? What happens to her when she gets there?

Chapter 28

42. How is Parvana able to go free?

43. What do Parvana and Shauzia decide to do? Does their decision surprise you? What would you have done?