

Chalkline Questions

Chapter 16:

1. Why does Rafiq feel that Samir is not right for the mission they are going to carry out? Do you agree/disagree with him?
2. What was the intended target of their attack?
3. What excuse would Samir use if he was stopped or questioned about the packages?
4. What happened when Rafiq detonated the grenade?
5. Describe the attack on the Mosque.
6. Did you like this chapter? Give reasons for your answers.

Chapter 17:

1. Why was Jameela worried about the chicks in the henhouse?
2. Retell the old tale that Jameela describes in your own words.
3. What did the store cabins smell like?
4. Do you think Rafiq and the men were surprised by the attack? Why?
5. Why did nobody hear the attackers coming in the middle of the night?
6. What did Rafiq use to camouflage himself with?
7. What was the first sign of danger that Rafiq noticed?
8. Define the word obliterate.

Chapter 18:

1. What did the woman tell Jameela's mother in the courtyard?
2. How did the woman find out the information about the raid on the camp?
3. Who do you think was the boy who gave up the whereabouts of the secret camp?
4. Why do you think Rafiq's dad said that he was no longer a part of their family? Do you agree with his decision?
5. What is a white lie? What white lies had Jameela's mother told her father before?

6. Do you think Jameela and her mother should go to Varahamula? Why/ Why not?

Chapter 19:

1. Give three words to describe how Rafiq is feeling at the beginning of this chapter.
2. Why do you think Rafiq felt exposed and vulnerable without his weapons?
3. Describe what happened when Rafiq looked into the fire.
4. Rafiq describes Ahmed as a holy martyr. What does this mean?
5. Describe the scene when Rafiq returned to camp.
6. What items did Rafiq take from the camp?

Chapter 20:

1. Define the word 'pilfer'.
2. What emotions do you think stirred within Rafiq when he approached the house?
3. Why did Rafiq feel like he needed to plan on a revenge attack?
4. What do you think Rafiq's new mission will be?
5. Can you predict what you think will happen next?