1. How do Lilia’s parents find people to invite to dinner? (p. 424)
2. According to Lilia, how are Mr. Pirzada and her parents similar? According to Lilia’s father, how are they different? Why does he want her to understand the difference? (p. 424-425)
3. How does Lilia’s mom view America? (p. 425)
4. What does Lilia’s dad worry about (related to Lilia)? (p. 425)
5. Describe Mr. Pirzada. (p. 426)
6. What does Mr. Pirzada bring Lilia each evening? What does she do with it? (p. 427)
7. Why are Mr. Pirzada’s gifts special to Lilia? (p. 428)
8. What “curious thing” does Mr. Pirzada do each night before eating? What is the significance of this action? (p. 428-429)
9. How does Lilia’s father try to educate her about the ongoing conflict in Pakistan? What effect does his effort have on Lilia? (p. 429)
10. What does Lilia pray for? Why? (p. 430)
11. What does Lilia want to do for Mr. Pirzada? What is the only thing(s) she can do? (p. 431)
12. What holiday does Mr. Pirzada celebrate with Lilia and her family? What does he do for the first time? (p. 432-433)
13. How does Mr. Pirzada react to the latest news report? (p. 433)
14. Lilia tells Mr. Pirzada “Don’t worry.” (p. 434) What is she referring to and why does she feel shame?
15. How is Lilia protective of Mr. Pirzada? Give specific details from the story (p. 435)
16. How does Lilia react to the smashed pumpkin? Why do you think she reacts this way? (p. 435)
17. Read **N-Draw Conclusions** on p. 436. How has Pakistan’s civil war impacted Lilia’s family and Mr. Pirzada?
18. What news does Lilia learn in the card from Mr. Pirzada? (p. 437)
19. Why does Lilia throw away the remaining candies? (p. 437)
20. What is the theme of “When Mr. Pirzada Came to Dine”?