

CHOICE BOARD

"HOME"

<p>Retell the story using emojis. Separate it into sections: the beginning, the middle, and the end. Ask someone to decode each section to see if they can tell what the story was about.</p>	<p>Write a sequel to the story, staying true to the characters.</p>	<p>Make a short video that gives other kids a preview of the story you just read. What is important, interesting, or inspiring about it? Get creative!</p>
<p>Imagine that the story is being turned into a full-length book. Design the cover of the book.</p>	<p>Imagine you are Aleena. Write some advice for soon-to-be older siblings, based on your experience with Hakeem. Your advice can be in the form of a letter, a list, or a song.</p> <p><i>*This is the contest prompt that appears at the end of the story.</i></p>	<p>Interview each person in your family about what they think of when they hear the word <i>family</i> and what family means to them. Compile the responses in a format of your choosing, and then share them with the people you interviewed.</p>
<p>Find or create a quote that captures the essence of the story or one of the story's characters. Create a poster that displays the quote on an image you find or on your own original artwork.</p>	<p>Record words, phrases, or sentences from the story that you find meaningful or interesting. Write each on a strip of paper. Rearrange the strips to create a poem, adding your own words until you're satisfied.</p>	<p>Rewrite the story in the form of a graphic novel. Be sure to include thought and speech balloons, captions, sound effects, and motion lines.</p>

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Close-Reading Questions

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1. What other sensory details does the author use in the first two sections? (author's craft)
2. What details in this section show that Aleena is excited about adopting Hakeem? (inference)
3. Is meeting her new brother going the way Aleena expected? Explain. (inference)
4. What do you think Aleena didn't consider when she said yes to adopting Hakeem? (inference)

5. Not *everything* Aleena says about Hakeem is negative. Find other places in the story that suggest she admires, appreciates, or cares about him. (character)
6. Why is this moment when Aleena defines "home" for Hakeem important? *Hint*: Think about the end of the story. (text structure)
7. Why might her friends' comments affect Aleena this way? (character)
8. Aleena taught Hakeem that "home" refers to their house. What else could she mean by this? (interpreting text)

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Critical-Thinking Questions

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1. How do our families shape who we are?

2. What makes a good home?

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Making Inferences

Making an inference means using clues to figure out something the author doesn't tell you directly.

Directions: Answer the questions or follow the directions that appear in italics to fill in the chart. We completed the first row for you.

Clues	Inference
<p>1. On page 20, Aleena says:</p> <p>"Hakeem doesn't move as he scans the room. Then he suddenly lights up as he looks at me. I smile and open my arms for a hug. He runs toward me ... And right past me over to ... the red ball."</p>	<p><i>How does Aleena feel in this moment?</i></p> <p>Aleena is disappointed. She had been filled with excitement and anticipation about meeting Hakeem and imagined that he would feel the same way. Instead, Hakeem is far more interested in a ball than in meeting her.</p>
<p>2. On page 21, Aleena says:</p> <p>"The kids aren't there, and I'm a little relieved. It's hard enough to see the rows of cots."</p>	<p><i>Why is it hard for Aleena to look at the rows of cots?</i></p>
<p>3. On page 22, Aleena responds to her mom:</p> <p>"What are they doing?" Mama asks. "Playing soccer," I grumble.</p>	<p><i>Why is Aleena grumbling?</i></p>

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<p>4. Find two lines that support the inference on the right.</p>	<p>Aleena admires, appreciates, and cares about Hakeem.</p>
<p>5. On page 24, Aleena says:</p> <p>"I know my friends are trying to make me feel better, but it isn't working. Instead, their words swirl inside me and make me feel emptier than the bottles without any sand left in them."</p>	<p><i>What do Aleena's friends' words make her realize?</i></p>
<p>6. Consider what Aleena says in the final line of the story on page 24:</p> <p>"Hakeem is home—and I'm the one who got to teach him what that means."</p>	<p><i>What does home mean to Aleena?</i></p>

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Character Thinking Tool

The questions in this activity are about the character of
Aleena

1. When Aleena arrives in Morocco, how is she feeling about adopting a younger brother? How do you know?

2. Imagine you are Aleena. You want to make a post on social media to update your friends back home on how things are going in Morocco. What will you say about meeting Hakeem for the first time? What short message, hashtags, and photos will you include? Sketch your post in the space below.

3. What does the scene in Aleena's bedroom (pages 21-22) reveal about how Hakeem is affecting her life?

4. How has adopting Hakeem affected Aleena's experience as a *younger* sibling? How do you know?

5. Even though Aleena spends much of the story being upset with Hakeem, what details does the author include to show how much Aleena cares for him?

6. Can you make any connections to Aleena's experiences? They can be to yourself, to friends, or to characters in books or movies.

7. What do the things Aleena's friends say about Hakeem make Aleena realize? Why do you think so?

Use your responses to the questions in this activity to help you respond to the writing prompt on page 24 of the magazine or at the end of the story page at Scope Online:

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Home Contest

Imagine you are Aleena. Write some advice for soon-to-be older siblings, based on your experience with Hakeem. Your advice can be in the form of a letter, a list, or a song. Send your advice to Home Contest. Three winners will each get *More to the Story* by Hena Khan.

Entries will be judged on:

- ✓ a clearly stated central idea
- ✓ good organization and transitions
- ✓ use of supporting text evidence
- ✓ grammar, spelling, and punctuation

Student name: _____

Home phone number: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher's name: _____ Teacher's email: _____

School name: _____

School address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

School phone number: _____

My parent or legal guardian consents to my participation in this contest.

Parent's or legal guardian's signature:

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Include this form with the entry and send both to: scopemag@scholastic.com

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY October 20, 2020.

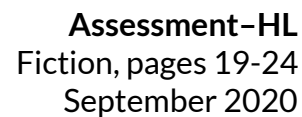
*Entries must be submitted by a legal resident of the U.S. age 18 and older, who is the teacher, parent, or guardian of the student.
Please submit .docs and PDFs. Google docs cannot be accepted.

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Directions: Read “Home.” Then answer the questions below.

1. **When Aleena arrives in Morocco, how does she feel about adopting Hakeem?**
 - A. exhausted and annoyed
 - B. anxious and excited
 - C. edgy and fearful
 - D. angry and upset
2. **Which lines BEST support your answer to Question 1? Choose TWO answers.**
 - A. “I’m too hot to smile at him.”
 - B. “I’ve been writing words and phrases like ‘*kan bgreek*,’ which means ‘*I love you*,’ in a notebook, since Hakeem doesn’t speak English and we don’t speak Arabic.”
 - C. “I’m carrying the raccoon backpack I brought for Hakeem and wearing my matching penguin one.”
 - D. “We arrive at the square gray building and there’s no elevator.”
3. **On page 22, Aleena says, “I stand on the sideline, feeling invisible. After a couple of minutes, I walk back to the car.” What do these lines reveal about Aleena?**
 - A. how eager she is to get home
 - B. how close she is with Bilal’s friends
 - C. how uninterested she is in soccer
 - D. how left out she feels now that Hakeem is the youngest sibling
4. **On page 23, Aleena says, “Everyone’s looks great, but Keisha is so meticulous with the funnel that her finished bottle looks professional.” Based on context clues, which is the best definition of *meticulous*?**
 - A. showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise
 - B. not interested or concerned about something
 - C. taking care of only your own needs and feelings without thought for others
 - D. not careful or neat; showing a lack of care, attention, or effort
5. **Which detail would be most important to include in a summary of the story?**
 - A. Morocco has a hot climate.
 - B. Bilal is a sophomore in high school.
 - C. The Siddiquis can’t take Hakeem home until they get his passport.
 - D. Aleena’s family adopts a 3-year-old boy.
6. **Which is a theme of the story?**
 - A. To find true happiness, stay true to yourself.
 - B. Hope can help people get through dark times.
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Directions: Read "Home." Then answer the questions below.

1. **When she arrives in Morocco, how does Aleena feel about adopting Hakeem?**
 - A. annoyed
 - B. excited
 - C. fearful
 - D. worried
2. **Which details support your answer to Question 1? Choose TWO answers.**
 - A. Aleena is so overheated that she can't smile.
 - B. Aleena has been learning Arabic.
 - C. Aleena brings Hakeem a raccoon backpack to match her penguin one.
 - D. Sweat is dripping down Aleena's neck.
3. **At Bilal's soccer practice, Aleena says, "I stand on the sideline, feeling invisible." She means that she feels**
 - A. bored.
 - B. eager to get home.
 - C. angry with Hakeem.
 - D. unnoticed and uncared for.
4. **On page 23, Aleena says, "Everyone's looks great, but Keisha is so meticulous with the funnel that her finished bottle looks professional." Based on context clues, what does *meticulous* mean?**
 - A. careful and precise
 - B. bored and predictable
 - C. selfish and fussy
 - D. sloppy and careless
5. **Which detail would be LEAST important to include in a summary of Aleena's birthday party?**
 - A. Hakeem dumps out the girls' sand art.
 - B. Aleena feels bad about leaving Hakeem inside alone and brings him out to blow out her candles.
 - C. Aleena's friends' words make her realize that she hasn't been very kind to Hakeem.
 - D. The girls drink pink lemonade.
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