

Mini-Research Project

1. Choose a topic to research that is related to the novel.

- . Consider a question that was left unanswered by the novel.
 - Do you want to know which parts of the story are true and which are fiction?
 - Do you want to learn more about the foods Aliya eats and how they are prepared?
 - Do you wonder about why the women wear head coverings or why they pray toward Mecca?

Choose one of these questions or another one that you wonder about.

2. Then, investigate!

- a. Find at least **three sources** of information that help answer your question.
- b. Quote or paraphrase each source to show how it answers your question.
- c. Cite your sources.

3. Decide how you'll organize and present your information.

Below are just a few options. Be creative!

- Write a news article about the facts of Aliya's story.
- Write a food blog about the foods from the novel - include recipes and pictures!
- Create an informative photo collage that shows and explains some of Aliya's customs.

