**Predict:** Joseph asks the captain if they are racing to Cuba. The captain looks “surprised, then angry.” He also “glances meaningfully at his first officer, who looks concerned.” Based on this information, make a prediction about what will happen when they reach Cuba.

**Respond:** Lito (Isabel’s grandfather) says that they should not be leaving...they should wait. “Things change. They always change.” Do you agree that waiting is the right answer or do you think they are making the right decision by leaving? Explain your answer.

**Reply:** Mahmoud’s family faces several conflicts in this section. Name at least 3 of them. Of the ones you named, which do you think will be the hardest to overcome?
Make an Inference:
Captain Shroeder orders his ship captain to remove the Nazi flag from the Jewish man’s coffin. What can you infer about Captain Schroeder from his behavior?

Words and phrases I hear/My Images

Identify:
There are so many dangers at sea. List some of the dangers Isabel, her family, and the Castillos have faced so far. Which element of the plot is this?

Words and phrases I hear/what I visualize

Respond & Infer:
Mahmoud’s family has had many setbacks in their journey. What have they been? What has been Mahmoud’s father’s reaction to these setbacks? Infer why he behaves this way.

Words and phrases I hear/what I visualize
**Predict:** Josef’s family and the other passengers have not been allowed to exit the ship. At the end of this section, the police tell them they will be allowed into Havana tomorrow. What do you think will happen? Predict why they are not being allowed into Havana.

**Respond:** Isabel has shown that she is willing to make sacrifices for her family. What sacrifices has she made so far? What are some character traits that would describe her?

**Reflect/Connect:** Mahmoud’s mother questions whether they are making the right decision by getting on the raft. Describe a time when you had to do something because you didn’t feel you had another choice.
Without these stupid armbands, without the letter J stamped on his passport, would anyone know he was Jewish? Josef decided to find out.

He looked around manically, like there were spies everywhere and he darted from place to place, dodging imaginary enemies.

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Mahmoud’s father dove back into the front seat and yanked the iPhone and the charger cord from the Mercedes just as bullets ripped into the car again... “Had to go back for the phone,” he told them. “How else am I going to play Angry Birds?”

Another car came down the road, and at first Mahmoud worried it was another police car. But it was a BMW sedan. On a whim, Mahmoud darted out into the car’s headlights and waved the life jackets on his arms... “Please, can you help us?” Mahmoud begged.

“I traded my trumpet,” she confessed. “For gasoline.”
Her grandfather was shocked. “That trumpet was everything to you!”
No, not everything, Isabel thought. It wasn’t my mother and father, and you, Lito.

“He’s risking his [Papi’s] life for this – he’s risking your life, and your mother’s life and his unborn child’s life – and for what? Lito asked. “He doesn’t even know.”