**Connect:** “...the Landau family was the one thing Josef wasn’t sure they could put back together” (p. 152). Think of all the challenges Josef and his family have had to face. Which do you think is/was most difficult? What are some things that would make it hard to keep a family together in our world today?

**Respond:** Isabel says “a life was a symphony.” What type of figurative language is this? Think about this statement in your own life. How would you complete this sentence. life is a ____. Explain your answer.

**Reply:** Mahmoud’s mother gave Hana to a stranger so that Hana could survive. Do you think she did the right thing? What would you have done in that situation?
Respond: Josef becomes the “man of the family” in this section. Describe a time that you had to behave like an adult.

Respond: Mahmoud has to take on the parental role for his mother in this section. Describe the things he had to do to make sure they survived.

Identify: In this section, we see how a small act of kindness can make a huge difference. Name a time you performed or witnessed an act of kindness. What impact did it have?
**Connect:** What does Josef’s father do in this section? Josef says “his father was gone.” Imagine being in Josef’s shoes. How would you respond to a parent in a similar situation?

**Respond:** “Fight against the impossible and win” is a statement Isabel keeps repeating to herself. What “impossible” odds does she have to overcome in this section?

**Describe:** Where are Mahmoud and his family brought to? Use vivid adjectives and verbs to describe the scene that awaits them on the island.

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