**Predict:** Officer Padron jokingly teases Josef’s family with the question “when will we leave this ship?” and the mood goes somber. What do you predict will happen to the passengers on the MS St. Louis? What makes you think this?

**Close Reading:** What is the name of the man who saved Joseph’s father? Why is this significant?

**Respond:** Papi wants to call their raft “The Floating Coffin.” What happens in this section that makes it an accurate name?

**Close Read:** There were 2 ties to Josef’s story in this section. Did you catch them? What were they?

**Connect:** “They only see us when we do something they don’t want us to do.” Imagine you and your family paid a lot of money for an expensive vacation on a cruise. How would you feel if there were “filthy” refugees on the ship?

**Respond and Predict:** Mahmoud blames himself for Hana being separated from them. Was it his “fault”? What do you predict will happen? Will they be reunited with Hana?
Respond: Imagine being in Officer Padron’s shoes and having to enforce regulations with which you didn’t agree. Would you do it? Do something else?

Analyze: Josef ripped his shirt at the seams just as they had for Professor Weiler’s funeral. Symbolically, what does this mean?

Give a 1-2 sentence summary of this section.

Symbolism: Isabel thinks, “Fidel Castro had Ivan’s blood all over him.” What is the literal meaning here? What is being stressed symbolically?

Connect: Have you ever lost anyone or anything close to you? Describe the emotions you felt.

Infer: Mahmoud’s family didn’t wait in Athens for official travel permits. Infer why this might be so.

Give a 1-2 sentence summary of this section.

Connect & Predict: Would you ever get into a car with a stranger? Under what circumstances? What do you predict will happen to Mahmoud and his family?
**Respond:** How did the mood of the passengers shift in this passage? For what reason?

**Reply:** Why does Josef’s mother get dressed up and start dancing?

**Respond:** As Isabel saw Miami from the boat, she had conflicted feelings. What were they and why did she have them?

**Predict:** As they solve one problem, they face another – the US Coast Guard. In a sentence or two, predict what will happen.

**Connect:** We’ve seen many instances in the story where the characters have been powerless. Can you think of a scenario where you felt powerless?

**Infer:** The thief demands a set sum of money, but Mahmoud wonders why he didn’t take all of their money. Make an inference about why this might be so.
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