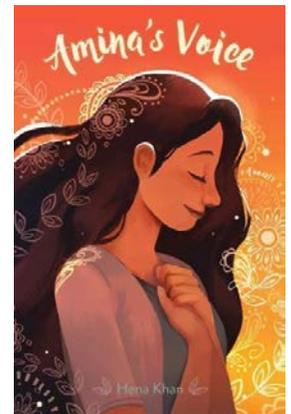


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan



1. Family and friendships are an important theme in *Amina's Voice*. In the beginning Emily is not friends with Amina and Soojin, but by the end of the book they are all friends, what happened and why?
2. The idea of Soojin changing her name when she officially becomes a U.S. citizen really bothers Amina. How would you react if one of your friends wants to change their name and asks for your support?
3. Emily stops being friends with Julie and becomes friends with Soojin and Amina. Have you ever changed friend groups? How did the old/new friends react, were they kind or mean?
4. Amina keeps secrets for Mustafa and Emily. Do you keep secrets for friends or family members? Is it hard to keep secrets from people who are close to you? When should you not keep a secret?
5. What tragic event takes place in the novel? Amina and her family are scared and angry, so what advice would you give them to deal with their feelings?
6. Amina, Soojin and Emily come from different cultural backgrounds. Kids at school bully them for their differences. Have you ever been bullied or watched someone else being bullied? What was your reaction, and how did you feel?
7. How would you encourage Amina to sing for the school event?
8. Mustafa wants to play basketball, but his parents are not supportive. Why is it so important to Mustafa to play basketball? Does it change who he is or his religious beliefs?