

1 Answer the questions about things in the book.

1 What was the old name of Bangladesh?
a East Pakistan **b** North Bengal **c** West India

2 What is the capital of Bangladesh?
a New Delhi **b** Islamabad **c** Dhaka

3 When did Bangladesh become its own country?
a in 1947 **b** in 1967 **c** in 1971

4 Where is Brick Lane?
a in Liverpool **b** in London **c** in Edinburgh

5 What is curry?
a something you eat **b** something you read **c** something you wear

6 What is Islam?
a a political party **b** a religion **c** a religious leader

2a Put the information about Nazneen and her sister, Hasina, in the correct column.

accepted her fate	made a love marriage	
had an arranged marriage	made clothes at home	ran away with the nephew of a factory owner
had two daughters	made clothes in a factory	was beaten by her husband
listened to no one	moved to Dhaka	was not beaten by her husband
	moved to London	

Hasina	Nazneen

2b Think about the sisters in 2a. Which sister's life would you prefer and why?







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3 Look at the pictures from the story. Complete the table.

	Who is in the picture?	Where are they and what are they doing?	Why is this scene important?
			
			
			
			
			
			

4a Explain these words and expressions in the book.

1 burkha

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2 hijab

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3 Mullah

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4 Qur'an

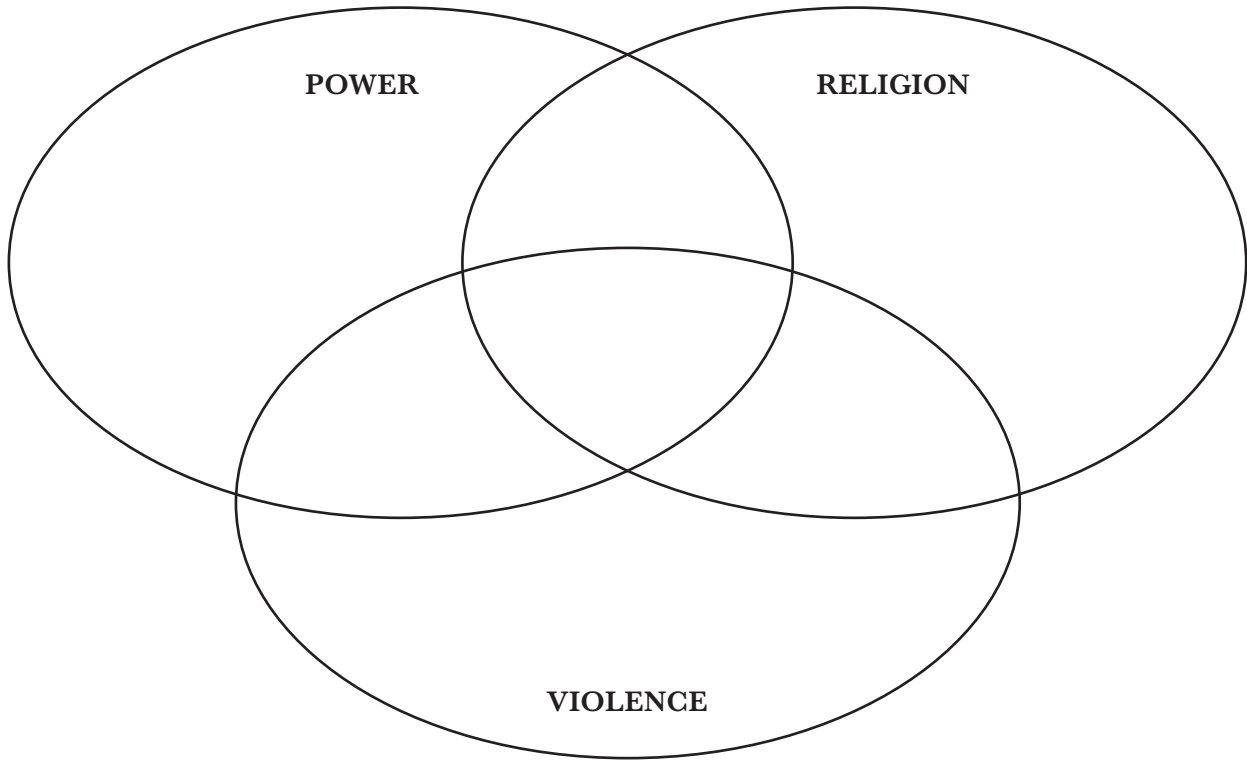
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4b Complete this mind map with the words in the box. Some words can go in more than one category.

riot swear bang offend stab revenge smash
 racism shame insult shield sin march strength



5a What do the Bengal Tigers and the Lion Hearts want? Write BT or LH next to the slogans.

1 :
 Don't take down
 pictures of women in the
 community hall!

2 :
 March against
 the march
 against the Mullahs!

3 :
 March against
 the Mullahs!

4 :
 We respect women!

5 :
 We want dancing
 and alcohol in the
 community hall!

6 :
 We want the
 government to stop
 dancing and alcohol in
 the community hall!

5b Imagine you are a local community leader who is trying to stop the violence between the two groups, and who wants the community hall to be a place for everybody. Write a short speech explaining your ideas. Say what you want and do not want to happen. Use the words and expressions from 4a and 4b to help you. Try to imagine lots of angry people standing in front of you and think about how you can make them listen to you.



6a Work with a partner. One of you is Nazneen and one of you is Hasina. Imagine the conversation between them when they meet again at the end of the book after all those years apart. Write some questions and answers.

How . . . you?
Where . . . been?

<p>. . . married?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>. . . children?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>. . . happy?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Would you like . . . ?</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

6b Now imagine a different ending to the book if Hasina had not married Malik and Nazneen had stayed with Karim or gone back to Bangladesh with Chanu.

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7 Have a class debate about the following subject.

Why are there problems between different communities living together in places like Brick Lane? What could be done to stop this?