



Comprehension

1. What does Jamal mean when he says he's Manchester United?
2. What do we learn about Jamal in these chapters?
3. What do we learn about the country Jamal and Bibi live in?
4. What do we learn about Bibi in these chapters?
5. What are the dangers that Jamal, Bibi and the other boys face in these chapters?
6. Jamal ends Chapter Four by saying 'life is good'. What do you think he means?
7. What does soccer mean to Jamal?

Vocabulary

1. nerve gas
2. dazzle
3. swishing
4. fragments
5. scramble
6. tread
7. slither
8. horizon
9. debris
10. defiantly
11. steeds
12. ancestors

Look Deeper

"I can't remember who's on our side this year anyway."

1. What does this line tell us about Jamal's life and life in his country?
2. Why do you think the author included this line?
3. Do you think this line is important? Why or why not?