

## **Boy Overboard: Research Task**

### **Landmines**



At the beginning of *Boy Overboard*, Bibi steps on a landmine and Jamal has to work out a way of getting her off without setting it off. What is a landmine? Why is it so dangerous? And how does it impact the story or how we feel about the characters?

Your task is to research **landmines** and connect your new understanding with *Boy Overboard*.

**Some things you might want to research include:**

- What are landmines?
- How are landmines used? Why are they used?
- What is the impact of landmines on people who live around them?
- Where are landmines used in the world?
- What is the history of landmines?

**Some of the things you might like to think about:**

- Why does the author put the landmine so early in the story?
- How do we feel about Jamal, Bibi and Yusuf after the landmine incident?
- How does the landmine incident connect with the other events in the story?

**REMEMBER:**

- Think about key words and ideas for research
- Keep records of books and websites you use in your research
- Organize your notes so they are easier to use