

Name

ATSS Discussion 1-19

1. What is the word Nana calls Mariam? What does this word mean? When she is older what does Mariam understand about this word?
2. Using specific evidence describe how Mariam feels about her father?
3. Using specific evidence describe how Mariam feels about her mother?
4. Describe the relationship between Nana and Jalil?
5. What does Nana's father do when he learns of her pregnancy? What does Nana wish he had done?
6. What do you think that Nana means when on page 7 she says, "this is what it means to be a woman in this world?"
7. Nana almost married once. What happened? What is the *Jinn*?

8. How does Jalil describe Mariam's birth? How does Nana describe her birth? Which version do you believe?

9. At different points both Nana and Jalil tell Mariam she is a good daughter. What do you learn about each character based on when they say this to Mariam?

10. There are different versions of where Mariam gets her name. What are they? Which do you believe?

11. Who is Mullah Faizullah? How is he described? Be specific.

12. What does Mariam tell Mullah Faizullah?

13. What does Mullah Faizullah say his foremost weakness is?

14. Why does Nana refuse Mariam's desire? What is the one thing she says a woman like Mariam needs to know?