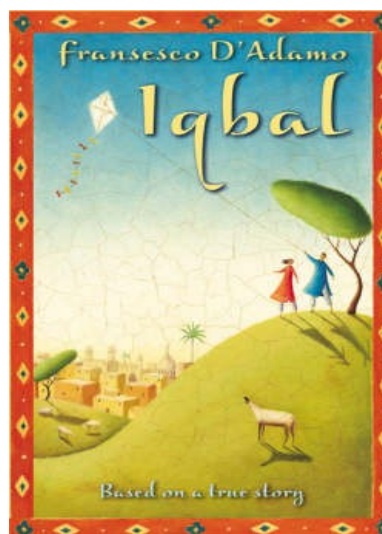


Iqbal



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Synopsis	When young Iqbal is sold into slavery at a carpet factory, his arrival changes everything for the other overworked and abused children there. It is Iqbal who explains to them that despite their master's promises, he plans on keeping them as his slaves indefinitely. But it is also Iqbal who inspires the other children to look to a future free from toil...and is brave enough to show them how to get there.
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Protagonist	
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Iqbal, Day 1



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

What is child labor? Child labor was very common in past history, especially during the time period of the industrial revolution when factories needed inexpensive labor. Child labor was common in England and the United States until new laws forbade the practice of forcing children to work in factories instead of attending school. In some countries children are still exploited and used as forced laborers in factories and work in unsafe conditions. International laws have been established to stop this practice, but the problem still exists where national customs and laws allow it.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

dexterity (vi)	outskirts (1)	incessantly (2)	numskulls (3)	weft (7)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Start at the beginning and review the story so far

- mention the setting and main character
- point to each timeline item as you quickly review it

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. v–9

Setting	Characters	Pages
A house and carpet factory in Pakistan	Hussain Khan (master), Fatima, Iqbal, Hussain's wife (mistress), Karim	vi–9

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RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Children have been a source of labor throughout history all over the world.
- Bonded labor is a part of some countries' economic system.
- Fatima is a bonded child laborer for making carpet for her master.
- Fatima works with her fingers making carpet long hours each day.
- Hussain promises Fatima freedom when she has worked off her family's debt.
- After three years, the debt did not seem to change, and she feared her master.
- One day, Iqbal arrived to do work for her master, and Fatima's life changed.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Create a map of Pakistan so that Fatima's town may be put on the map later.
Determine the locations within Pakistan as described in the novel as the story unfolds.

Justice Posters

Collaborate with students create a class T Chart. This can be a live, online document that students have shared access to (Google Document or Google Spreadsheet).

- Label one column "Justice" and the other side "Injustice".
- During this unit, encourage students to follow the local and world news, using a variety of mediums (newspapers, online sources, etc.).
- Have students periodically input a headline/article of a "Justice" and "Injustice" in their local community and in the world on the document. Discuss the additions the next day in class.
- For all of the items in the "Justice" column, have students write one thing they can do to take action and support the individuals, groups, or organizations that are acting in a "just" way.
- For all of the items in the "Injustice" column, have students write one thing they can do to help the individuals, groups, or organizations that are being treated unfairly.
- In each situation, helping may involve writing a letter, getting more informed, volunteering, etc.
- Have students choose one item to take action on. They should report their action and results to the class.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions

1. Why does D' Adamo describe the history of child labor in the world?
2. As the novel begins, what kind of person is Fatima?
3. What do you think this story is about?
4. From what point of view does D' Adamo write?
5. How does a person become a good at weaving carpet like Fatima?
6. Why does Hussain like Fatima?
7. How do you relate to Fatima's feelings and ideas about her situation?
8. Why do you think Fatima and Iqbal will survive their situation?
9. Historically, why have bonded laborers existed in our world?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, pp. 4–5

“‘When all the lines are erased,’ said Hussain Khan added, ‘when you see this slate wiped completely clean, then you’ll be free and you’ll be able to return home.’ ‘I never saw a clean slate, neither mine nor one of my companions’” (pp. 4–5).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today's prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Write a narrative paragraph describing reality of child labor.

When answering the question above, consider the following:

- How have children been a source of labor throughout history all over the world?
- How is bonded labor a part of some countries' economic system?
- Who is Fatima and how is she a bonded child laborer?

Close Close by extending today's lesson to life and the world.

What might you do to help bonded laborers in third world countries today to be freed from their slave labor to their masters?

Character Based Literacy Program Lesson Plan

Iqbal, Day 2



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



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What is cricket? Cricket is a national game in some countries. The game of cricket is played with eleven players, a red ball, and a flat bat. Popular in England and other countries, such as India and Pakistan, cricket is played by batting the ball and bowling the ball on the pitch to cross the crease before being dismissed. Developed in the 16th century in Southern England, it has become an internationally known and respected sport.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

complicated (10)	incredible (10)	twitched (16)	precision (13)	chickpeas (16)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 10–22

Setting	Characters	Pages
Hussain's house and carpet factory in Pakistan	Fatima, Karim, Iqbal, Hussain and his wife, Fatima's father, mother, brothers and sisters	10
Hussain's house and carpet factory in Pakistan	14 child-slaves, Iqbal Masih, Hussain, Karim, Maria, Ali, Salman	11–22

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- The master brings Iqbal to the carpet factory; now there are 15 child slaves.
- Fatima likes Iqbal's deep eyes and lack of fear for Hussain.
- Iqbal demonstrates his superb ability to impressively weave carpet.
- Iqbal is introduced to the other children during the night; and they tell their stories of how they came to work at the carpet factory.
- Iqbal tells his story, and how nobody goes home as the debts are never paid off to their families.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Create a map of how the compound of Hussain's house and the carpet factory might look like in a city. Add streets that surround the compound.

KWL

Continue adding to the whole class KWL chart.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions

1. Why does Fatima think about her family and past life so much?
2. What kind of person is Iqbal?
3. Where do you think this carpet factory enslavement is taking place in Pakistan?
4. How does D' Adamo describe Fatima and her thinking processes?
5. Why do Fatima and the other children want to hear Iqbal's stories?
6. What can you infer about Fatima's feelings about being alone?
7. How would you feel if you were a child slave in Hussain's factory?
8. What does D' Adamo mean to tell us about the fearlessness of Iqbal?
9. How does the author portray Iqbal and Fatima's initial relationship?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 22

"I did not know him. He could have been just a braggart, or maybe even truly crazy, but still I believed him. I went back to my bed and spent the night restlessly" (p. 22).

EXTEND

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Write Have each student write a short product based on today's prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Pretend you are Fatima. In 2–3 narrative paragraphs, write a journal entry retelling Iqbal's story.

When answering the question above, consider the following:

- Where did Iqbal come from?
- How does his carpet weaving skills compare to the other children?
demonstrates his superb ability to impressively weave carpet?
- What does Iqbal think about the debts the children are working for?

Close Close by extending today's lesson to life and the world.

How have specific events in your life helped prepare you to courageously face difficult times you might encounter in the future? Were the events like Fatima's or different?

Character Based Literacy Program Lesson Plan

Iqbal, Day 3



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

What is meant by “invoking the name of Allah and the Prophet in vain”? To invoke someone’s name means to call upon them for help. Hussain was calling upon Allah and the prophet of Allah in his religious belief system because he was in a difficult circumstance with important clients coming to inspect his carpets and he was unsure of the quality of the carpets desired by these important clients. Therefore, Hussain was asking for divine intervention, without true faith, so that he would receive mercy and be blessed with good fortune by clients being pleased with the carpets for sale.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

suk (24)	tortured (24)	arrogant (28)	apprentices (32)	agitated (33)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 23–34

Setting	Characters	Pages
Hussain’s house and carpet factory	Hussain, Fatima, Iqbal, Karim, Salman, Ali, mistress, Maria, and the foreign buyers	23–34

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Hussain is very anxious about foreign clients coming to look at his carpets.
- Karim announces Hussain's secret about Iqbal's artistic ability to weave the Blue Bukhara carpet.
- Fatima reflects on the difference of night sounds in the countryside versus the city where Iqbal and she now worked and lived.
- Fatima speaks to Iqbal about going with him to the cinema, whereas Iqbal wants to ride the bus around the city.
- Hussain treats the children to a nice breakfast the morning of the foreign buyers' arrival, but becomes enraged when Iqbal cuts the Blue Bukhara carpet, he has just completed, into pieces.
- Hussain drags Iqbal down to the Tomb after Iqbal destroys the carpet.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

KWL Instructions:

Continue adding to the a whole class KWL chart

Step One: Read the segment for today before you analyze it.

Step Two: Add to the K (know) column: What do you **K**now?

Step Three: Add to the W (want) column: What do you **W**ant to know?

Step Four: Add to the L (learn) column: What have you **L**earned?

Step Five: Review the chart when it is complete

Justice Poster

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- For all of the items in the "Injustice" column, have students write one thing they can do to help the individuals, groups, or organizations that are being treated unfairly.
- In each situation, helping may involve writing a letter, getting more informed, volunteering, etc.

- Have students choose one item to take action on. They should report their action and results to the class.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions (pp. 10–22):

1. What can you infer about Hussain's feelings of anxiety about the arrival of buyers?
2. How would you feel with the threats, verbal abuse, combined with nice treatment if you were a child slave of Hussain's?
3. What does D' Adamo mean to tell us about when describing Iqbal's artistic talent?
4. Why did Iqbal decide to cut the carpet that he had just completed?
5. What did Fatima mean when she said Iqbal's eyes looked like he was afraid as he was dragged to the Tomb?
6. Why do you think Hussain treated the children differently on the day the foreign buyers arrived to inspect his carpets?
7. How did you feel when Iqbal cut the carpet and it enraged Hussain?
8. What did the author do in the novel to create suspense in the reader's mind in this section?
9. Why does the author describe characters in the novel in relationship to locations and their memories, thoughts, and reflections?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 34

"Iqbal was pale, too, but not as pale as Hussain Khan. He took the knife that we all used to cut the ends of the knots, raised it above his head, and seemed to look each of us in the eye. Then he calmly turned and cut the carpet from top to bottom, right in the middle" (p. 34).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today's prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Pretend you are Hussain. Write a narrative letter to a friend describing Iqbal's stunt with the Blue Bukhara carpet.

When answering the question above, consider the following:

- Who is Iqbal?
- What happened when Iqbal presented the Blue Bukhara carpet?
- How did you (Hussain) discipline Iqbal?
- How did you feel at the end of the day?

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Close Close by extending today's lesson to life and the world.

How might the children dealt with Hussain's mistreatment of them the past three years if they knew they had rights to protect their welfare and could report Hussain's mistreatment of them?

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Iqbal, Day 4



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

What does it mean to “scream like a stuck pig”? The sound made by a pig that is stuck with a sharp object when being hunted or killed at the slaughter house is a loud, shrill, high-pitched squealing sound that pierces the air with the sound of the intense immediate pain the pig is enduring. The high-pitched sound pierces the ears of the listener and produces an immediate response of empathy for the pain of the animal.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

ingrate (35)	rasping (36)	horseflies (36)	menacing (40)	rustling (43)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 35–45

Setting	Characters	Pages
Hussain’s house and carpet factory workshop	Iqbal, Hussain, mistress, Karim, Maria, Ali, Fatima	34–36, 39–45
The Tomb	Hussain, Iqbal, Salman, mountain boy, Fatima	36–39

RESPOND

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Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Hussain sees Iqbal destroy the blue carpet he'd just finished for the buyers.
- Hussain screams, threatens all the children, and drags Iqbal to the Tomb, an old empty cistern with a metal roof.
- The children are punished with no dinner because of Iqbal's deed.
- Hussain blames all the children for Iqbal's destruction of the carpet.
- The children plan to support Iqbal and to take him food and water.
- Karim is threatened into helping to take food and water to Iqbal.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Add information from the story about Hussain's carpet factory and house with a courtyard leading to the Tomb.

KWL Instructions

Continue adding to the whole class KWL chart.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions (pp. 35–45)

1. Why does the author take time to explain the feelings of Hussain and his wife?
2. What does Fatima feel about Iqbal doing his act of destroying the carpet he made?
3. Why do you think the author jumps from Hussain's feelings to Iqbal's feelings and then to a description of the Tomb?
4. How did the author let you inside the emotions of the children toward Iqbal?
5. Why did the author use the idea of Fatima seeing the look of fear in Iqbal's eyes as he was dragged to the Tomb?
6. What is Karim's primary dilemma with the other children?
7. Why do you think Fatima felt good after taking food and water to Iqbal?
8. What do you think Hussain is feeling angry about after Iqbal destroyed the carpet that was so beautiful?
9. Why do you think the author chose to have Fatima involved in caring for Iqbal?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 44

“For a second I thought it would be better to go back, but then I felt ashamed. I turned to look at Salman: He was probably afraid too, but he knew he had to try first. After all, I was only a girl, right? And Ali was too little” (p. 44).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Write a narrative paragraph about the steps you would take to help Iqbal if you were one of the children in this carpet workshop. Describe what you would do first, second, etc.

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

Knowing about children being sold into slavery in other countries produces feelings of injustice. What kind of inner fortitude does it take to help children in our world to not be enslaved to anyone and have a life filled with both courage and commitment for what is right?

Character Based Literacy Program Lesson Plan

Iqbal, Day 5



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

Are you a slavery-free consumer? In today's world, it can be tough to determine whether products have or have not been produced through slavery. A specific component of a product – the cotton used to make a T-shirt, for example – may be the result of human trafficking.

Thankfully, there are products in our lives that we know are slavery-free, like the homegrown tomato you had for lunch. (More: What is your slavery footprint?) CNN iReport is inviting you to participate in a special assignment to identify items that you know are slavery-free. Was the exercise easy or surprisingly difficult? Do you make an effort to shop slavery-free, or is this the first time you've thought about where products come from?

Upload photos of your slavery-free items and share your perspective with CNN. The best stories will be featured here on the Freedom Project blog. You can check out the iReport assignment for additional details.

Want to find out more about slavery in the supply chain? Check out a brief overview or go to Anti-Slavery International's interactive map.

Source: <http://thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com/2011/09/29/are-you-a-slavery-free-consumer/>

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

paralyzed (46)	cistern (47)	avidly (47)	curiosity (49)	accustomed (51)
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READ

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Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 46–55

Setting	Characters	Pages
The cistern/Tomb	Fatima, Iqbal, Salman, Karim, Ali, mistress, Hussain, Twig, Mohammed	46–55
Outside Hussain's walled house and carpet factory	Iqbal	55

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- The children reached Iqbal with water and food the first night in the Tomb.
- Iqbal was cared for every night by the other children until released by Hussain after three days in the Tomb.
- Salman calls Iqbal strong and courageous to destroy the carpet, but Iqbal said it took courage to bring him food and water too.
- A new skinny boy arrives, he is nicknamed Twig.
- Iqbal is ordered to begin the carpet again, this time he will not destroy it he tells Fatima.
- Iqbal promises Fatima to fly a kite with her next spring; she believes him, and then he escapes Hussain's carpet factory into the city.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Determine the location of the homes of each of the characters as revealed today in the novel to your best ability. Add information you learned about the Iqbal, the mountain boy's name, Mohammed, or add a portrait for the new character, Twig.

KWL

Continue adding to the whole class KWL chart.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions (pp. 46–55):

1. Why do you think the author chose to include the comments about Iqbal being strong and courageous to destroy Hussain's carpet?
2. How do you know when a child is being verbally or physically abused?
3. From inference, why does Iqbal tell Fatima that they will fly a kite together next spring?
4. Why do you think the author included so much information about Iqbal's statements about the debt never being erased and positive ideas about the future?
5. How does the author weave in information into the novel that helps the reader to understand the various emotions of each child going through the abusive experiences?
6. Why does the author paint this section of the novel with the concepts of fear, courage, and strength in the face of a foe?
7. How would you describe Iqbal as a young man of courage and commitment to ideals?
8. Why does Iqbal promise not to destroy the new carpet he is weaving?
9. What hurts Fatima's feelings in this section of the novel, and how does Fatima feel about Iqbal's escaping Hussain's carpet factory?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 55

"'Fatima,' he said in a low voice, 'next spring you and I are going to go and fly a kite. Remember that, no matter what happens'" (p. 55).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today's prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Imagine you are Twig. Write 2–3 narrative paragraphs as a journal entry describing your new home and work place.

When answering the question above, consider the following:

- Describe the living and working conditions.
- Who is Iqbal?
- How do the children take responsibly for each other?
- How are the children courageous?

Close Close by extending today's lesson to life and the world.

How should a person stand up for what is right in the midst of difficulty, knowing there may be people who ridicule, or viciously verbally attack any person who is showing courage in such a difficult circumstance? How would you respond to such a situation?

Character Based Literacy Program Lesson Plan

Iqbal, Day 6



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

What is spicy mutton? In India, Pakistan, and other Asian countries, the meat from a full grown domestic sheep is cooked with many spices and rice. The various spices along with the fattiness of the mutton help to enhance the flavor of the dish. It is a popular curry spice meat and rich dish for many cultures. The richness of the dish and the spiciness depends on the culture of that area of Pakistan, as each area and culture has its own recipe for spicy mutton with rice.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

fugitive (56)	muezzin (57)	pungent (62)	fritters (63)	calculations (63)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 56–68

Setting	Characters	Pages
Hussain's carpet factory	Fatima, Karim, Hussain and mistress, Maria, two policemen, Iqbal, Salman, Mohammed, Ali	56–66
The city market square	Iqbal, Fatima, Karim, Hussain	67–68

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Iqbal runs away into the city from Hussain's carpet shop.
- Hussain is angry and forces the children to work longer and harder.
- Hussain is gone for days hunting all over for Iqbal but to no avail.
- Two policemen come with Iqbal to the factory, but Hussain pays them off and puts Iqbal in the Tomb.
- Maria's carpet with a kite woven into it makes Hussain angry, but the children force Hussain to not punish Maria, and even release Iqbal from the Tomb.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Add the market square and details about the various shops to the map as described by Iqbal's story to the children.

KWL Instructions:

Continue adding to the whole class KWL chart.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions (pp. 56–68):

1. How does the author create vivid visualizations of the various children in the novel?
2. When does Fatima react to Iqbal's return and imprisonment?
3. Who is the person Iqbal is most upset with upon his return to Hussain's factory?
4. What is so important the children learn to stand up to the brutality of Hussain?
5. Why do you think Maria wove the white kite into her carpet?
6. Why is it important that we have courage to face obstacles in life?
7. Why are the policemen so easily bribed by money?
8. What caused the children to stand up to Hussain wanting to put Maria in the Tomb?
9. What caused the author to spend so much time on the market square details?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 66

“Hussain was pale. He moved restlessly, unable to decide what to do. He tried to shout over our voices, but couldn’t. You could see that he loathed us and that he would like to see us dead. But even he knew that wasn’t possible” (p. 66).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Pretend you are one of the police officers that returned Iqbal to the factory. In 2–3 narrative paragraphs, write a police report about how you met Iqbal and returned him to the factory. Include a final paragraph with a description of what actually happened (including the bribe).

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

If everyone helped the weaker people in a society when they are threatened, how much stronger would our society be with giving fair treatment to all people?

Character Based Literacy Program Lesson Plan

Iqbal, Day 7



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

What is a market square in Pakistan? A market square is a common place where farmers and craftsmen from the countryside bring their goods to sell to the people in the city. It is a place where people from other cities and from within the city can barter or sell goods, and people needing the goods can barter or purchase the goods. There are entertainers and musicians who also create a market for their services while customers are looking for other goods to barter for or buy.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

basmati (69)	tandoori (69)	mutton hinds (69)	exploitation (78)	clandestine (79)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 69–79

Setting	Characters	Pages
Iqbal's bed in Hussain's carpet factory – reflecting on his time in the city market square	Iqbal, Fatima, Karim, Salman, two bigger boys, some men from the Bonded Labor Liberation Front of Pakistan	69 – 74
Hussain's carpet workshop and the courtyard in the new spring	Iqbal, Fatima, Ali, Twig, Karim, Mohammed, Maria, Salman, Maria's father, village moneylender	75–79

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Iqbal relates his experiences in the market square working for the butcher with mutton hinds
- Iqbal tells Fatima of riding the buses, the men against child labor, and the two policemen who took Hussain's money as a bribe for Iqbal's return to slavery.
- Maria teaches the children to read, and then she begins speaking again.
- Ali grew physically, Twig grew thinner, and Iqbal ran away again.
- The children finally were able to read the paper that Iqbal brought back about the Liberation Front as if magically the words appeared on the paper.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Add the bus route around the city, put in the various shops in the market square as described by Iqbal's story. Add the place where the men spoke to the crowd in the market square to stop the exploitation of children as forced laborers.

KWL Instructions:

Continue adding to the whole class KWL chart.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions (pp. 69–79):

1. What happens when Iqbal tells the children about the market square experiences?
2. How does the Karim react to Iqbal's idea of freedom from slavery?
3. What are the conflicts you read about in this section of the novel?
4. How does the author create a mood in this part of the novel?
5. What core value does Maria demonstrate by teaching the children to read? Why do you think so?
6. What does Fatima learn from Maria in this section of the story?
7. What core value in this section might you apply in your community this week?
8. What cultural values does the author present the reader in this section of the novel?
9. What do you think will happen next in the story with Iqbal and Fatima?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 78

“Maria’s efforts were greatly rewarded one night, when we finally managed to decipher the handout that Iqbal brought back from his first escape. It seemed as if suddenly and miraculously, all those little marks we had drawn in the sand, those strange, incomprehensible pothooks, assumed meaning. We saw a sentence form on the paper all by itself – I swear we didn’t do anything. It just came together, and it told us things” (p. 79).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Pretend you are Iqbal. Write a narrative journal entry (2–3 paragraphs) about your experience in the city.

When answering the question above, consider the following:

- What was it like to work in the market square for the butcher?
- What did you see on the bus ride?
- What did you see in the market square?
- What “souvenir” did you take back?

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

Have you ever wondered how many children in the world cannot read? Some live in poverty and have never seen a book. Other children must work to support their family with the basics just to survive. How might we help all children have the chance to read?

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Iqbal, Day 8



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

What does the ability to read have to do with getting out of poverty? Reading is the most important skill to master in life. Once you have learned to read, the world of words is opened to you to learn more about the world you live in. Reading helps you to write down ideas from what you have learned. As a person learns to read and understand new words, the ability to relate to and understand your world grows as you gain mastery of reading and comprehending what you have read and learned. With those new abilities, you gain an education that leads to better jobs and income.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

enthusiastically (80)	interrupted (80)	immaculate (82)	inevitable (83)	irresistible (86)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 80–93

Setting	Characters	Pages
Courtyard of Hussain's house and carpet workshop and the Tomb	Salman, Mohammed, Maria, Fatima, Ali, Karim, Iqbal, mistress, and Hussain	80 – 81
Hussain's house and carpet workshop	Iqbal, Eshan Khan, a policeman, a magistrate, and all the children, Hussain and mistress.	81 – 84
Headquarters of the Bonded Labor Liberation Front of Pakistan in Lahore	Iqbal, Fatima, Eshan, Karim, Maria, Salman, Mohammed	85–93

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RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Iqbal returns with Eshan, a policeman, and a magistrate to arrest Hussain and rescue the children from slavery.
- The children go in three cars to the Liberation Front headquarters and are bathed, deloused, fed, and put to bed to sleep.
- Fatima, Maria, and Iqbal do what Iqbal promised they would do together, and they fly a kite in the open sky the next day.
- Iqbal decides to stay with the Liberation Front to free all children in Pakistan, and wants both Maria and Fatima to also stay.
- Eshan is not sure about Iqbal's idea, but he listens to his advisors and to Iqbal who declares he will learn what is necessary, and he is not afraid of anybody.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Add any new places from this section of reading to the map and identify those places with small labels. Add the name of the city in Pakistan, Lahore.

KWL Instructions

Continue adding to the whole class KWL chart.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions (pp. 80–93):

1. Why does Iqbal succeed in freeing the children this time?
2. The author paints a word picture of the reception at the headquarters, how do you think the children felt with all the clapping and cleaning they received?
3. How does the author's reflection backwards through the children about their families create an air of suspense?
4. What is the purpose of the kite flying episode with Iqbal, Fatima, and Maria?
5. What style does the author use to help us understand the development of the plot?
6. How do you learn about problem of child enslavement in Pakistan from the novel?
7. How different is the culture of the characters from your own culture and community?
8. What do you think will happen next to Iqbal and Fatima?

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9. What are the differences between Iqbal's past and present opportunities?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 91

"That same evening, after dinner, Iqbal made a solemn declaration to the men and women who were meeting in the downstairs room. "I want to stay and help you free all the children who are slaves in Pakistan" (p. 91).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today's prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Write a letter (2–3 paragraphs) to Iqbal describing how you could help him accomplish his goal to free all the children enslaved in Pakistan. Include a narrative paragraph describing what he needs to do to be a lawyer to free the children.

Close Close by extending today's lesson to life and the world.

What happens when the people of the world respect one another and do not enslave others? How does exploitation affect a culture, does it strengthen it or tear it apart?

Character Based Literacy Program Lesson Plan

Iqbal, Day 9



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

What are moneylenders in Pakistan? A moneylender is a person who loans a needy person some money with the promise to repay, usually with a high average rate of interest of 78.5% per year. Capital for businesses average 32.5% per year. Some moneylenders charge up to 5% interest per day for the poor people in Pakistan. The government has attempted to crack down on these practices, but the need to survive drives the market in spite of attempts to curtail the practice of high interest money lending to poor people.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

outskirts (94)	proprietor (94)	anxiously (95)	exploiters (96)	ridiculed (97)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 94–106

Setting	Characters	Pages
Headquarters of the Labor Liberation Front	Iqbal, Fatima, Maria, Karim, Eshan Khan, Eshan's wife and many other women	94–106

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Iqbal took his declaration seriously and in a few months almost 200 children freed.
- Iqbal gets a black eye and cut on his cheek while attempting a rescue of children.
- Those enslaving the children fight back against Eshan and Iqbal's attempts using threats, violence against the headquarters, and even a riot at market square.
- An international correspondent interviews Iqbal and Eshan about their efforts.
- Iqbal and Eshan go to a brick factory where the *munshi* uses a gun to shoot at those from the Labor Liberation Front, but nobody is hit by the bullets.
- Iqbal secretly tells Fatima about being scared at the brick factory.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Add the brick factory to the map on the outskirts of Lahore. Add the fact that the headquarters building was hit by an incendiary bomb.

KWL Instructions

Continue adding to the whole class KWL chart.

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions (pp. 94–106):

1. Why do you think Iqbal felt driven to rescue children enslaved to work by adults?
2. How do you think Fatima and Iqbal's relationship will grow in the story?
3. What is Iqbal learning about how many people in his country view child labor?
4. How does the author develop the plot using the visit to the brick factory by Iqbal and Fatima?
5. How does the author describe the feelings of Iqbal about the visit to the brick factory and Iqbal telling Fatima about those feelings?
6. How does this section of the novel relate to your understanding of the worldview of children outside of the United States of America?
7. Which character do you relate to the best? Why?

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8. How is the effort to rescue children by the Labor Liberation Front viewed by the rich merchants and moneylenders of Lahore?
9. What do you think will happen to Iqbal if he continues speaking out in public about the exploitation of children in Pakistan?

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 106

“There was something else he wanted to say to me. He lowered his voice to a whisper. A truck was passing down in the street, and I could barely hear him. ‘I was scared, Fatima. But please, please don’t tell anybody’” (p. 106).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Pretend you are the international correspondent that interviewed Iqbal and Eshan. reporter. Write a narrative article describing their efforts to free child slaves. How were they successful? What challenges do they face? How do they keep hope? Include a quote from Iqbal in your article. Draw a picture that corresponds with the article.

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

Life is filled with difficulties we all must face from time to time, how does understanding fortitude help us to face difficult times in our lives better?

Character Based Literacy Program Lesson Plan

Iqbal, Day 10



PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



Responsibility Requires Action. Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, doing what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

What does practicing for a speech involve? Giving a speech involved knowing what you are going to talk about as well as knowing your audience. Speaking clearly so that you are understood is important. Knowing your material is vital. Not rushing through the speech is essential. Practice involves doing the speech in front of a person or group and saying what you will say in the speech and how you will say it. After each time you practice the speech, those listening make suggestions that will make you a better speaker and make your speech that much better too. Practice gives the speaker more confidence from learning to talk about the content many times.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

astonished (109)	foreseen (110)	violated (111)	murmured (118)	convinced (119)
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2–3 pages.

Read pp. 107–120

Setting	Characters	Pages
Labor Liberation Front Headquarters	Iqbal, Fatima, Eshan, reporters from Pakistan and abroad	107 – 112
Fatima's home in the countryside	Fatima, driver, Ahmed, Hasam, Maria, Iqbal,	112 – 120

RESPOND

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Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3–5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Iqbal and Fatima are told by Eshan about Iqbal receiving a prize of \$15,000.00 and a scholarship to a university outside of Boston in the USA.
- Iqbal is torn by his desire to free children and be with Fatima and Maria, or go to school to become a lawyer to free even more children.
- Fatima helps Iqbal practice for his speech, which he later gives flawlessly.
- Fatima goes to the airport to see Iqbal and Eshan fly to Sweden for the speech.
- Fatima returns home in the countryside, to be with her two brothers.
- Fatima receives a letter from Maria telling her Iqbal was murdered near his home in Pakistan after returning for a visit at the young age of thirteen.

Map Add to ongoing class activities like a KWL chart or map: where did the characters go?

Map

Add new locations or information to the map based on this section of the novel. You might want to add Sweden and Boston, MA as places Iqbal visited.

KWL Instructions

Continue adding to the whole class KWL chart

EXPLORE

Discussion Comprehension and higher-level questions for discussion.

Key Questions (pp. 107–120):

1. Why does D'Adamo have the novel told through the thoughts and feelings of Fatima?
2. As the story unfolds, how do you think Fatima feels after getting Maria's letter? Do you think she sensed something bad happened to Iqbal?
3. How does the loss of Iqbal heighten the dangerous path Iqbal had taken to confront the evil enslavement of children?
4. Why do you think anyone would have wanted to murder Iqbal's effort to free children from slavery?
5. How does the author unfold the plot using a letter from Maria to explain Iqbal's success and his death at the hands of murderers?
6. How does Fatima view her home after being in the big city?
7. What method did the author use to give the reader insight into Fatima's struggles?
8. What is your impression of Maria after reading her letter to Fatima?
9. What can you infer from the plot of how Fatima will continue Iqbal's work to free the children of Pakistan?

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Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 119

“Try not to be sad, Fatima. He changed our lives and will be with us forever. I told Eshan Kahn that I’ll be the one to study and go to the university. I’ll be a lawyer, and I’ll fight to free all the slaves in Pakistan and all over the world. And for the first time in my life, I’m not afraid either” (p. 119).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Writing Prompt

Pretend you are Maria. In 2–3 narrative paragraphs, write a eulogy for Iqbal’s funeral. The eulogy should narrate Iqbal’s life story and the legacy he has left behind.

When answering the question above, consider the following:

- Where does Iqbal come from?
- How has he escaped slavery?
- How has he given hope and inspired other enslaved children?
- How has he lived a life for a purpose bigger than himself?

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

Some people choose to destroy what is good and promote what is evil. When we stand up and speak out with courage for what is right and good, who can stop such a powerful message of truth that frees people?

Bookmark – A



**Attributes of a Person with
Fortitude**

- **Bravery** –
Doing right while facing danger
- **Perseverance** –
Patient pursuit of a goal in spite of difficulties
- **Thoughtfulness** –
Valuing goodness for others
- **Conviction** –
Having a core of beliefs that govern your life
- **Commitment** –
Focused on reaching the goal no matter what
- **Steadiness** –
Consistency in doing what is right and good
- **Strength** –
An inner ability to overcome obstacles

The Practice of Fortitude



- Stare Danger in the Face
- Never Give Up
- Press on Towards the Goal
- Always Look Out for the Best for Others
- Be Committed to Do and Be your Very Best
- Do What is Right Every Time Because it is Right
- Look for the Best Choice in All that you Do