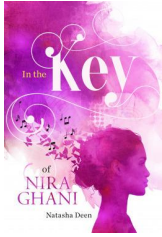


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Red Maple Fiction
In the Key of Nira Ghani
by Natasha Deen
Discussion Questions

- 1) The title of the book is called, "In the Key of Nira Ghani". Do you think this is an effective title? Why or why not? Explain using details from the text as well as your own ideas.
- 2) If you were asked by the author to re-name this book, what would you call it? Defend your title.
- 3) Do you think Nira's parents are "overprotective" of her? Do they have the right to control her life? Why or why not? Explain.
- 4) Which character(s) in the book do you think exhibit good character? Explain using your own ideas and examples from the text. If possible, use your school character traits for reference.
- 5) How would you describe Farah? Do you think she is a positive or negative influence on Nira? Explain using evidence from the text and your own ideas.
- 6) Nira asked Farah to help her to lie to her parents. She wanted to go to amateur night at a local bistro to play her trumpet but didn't want her parents to know. Is it ever okay to lie to someone? Explain.
- 7) If Nira were your friend, what advice would you give her in coming to terms with her parent's social and academic expectations? Explain.
- 8) Farah believes she is not a good person. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your thinking.
- 9) The last chapter of the book is titled, "Love is the Sweetest Tea". What do you think this title means? Explain using evidence from the text and your own ideas.
- 10) Write a chapter 23 of the book. What happens to the characters? Nira? Farah? Emily? McKenzie? Noah? Nira's family?