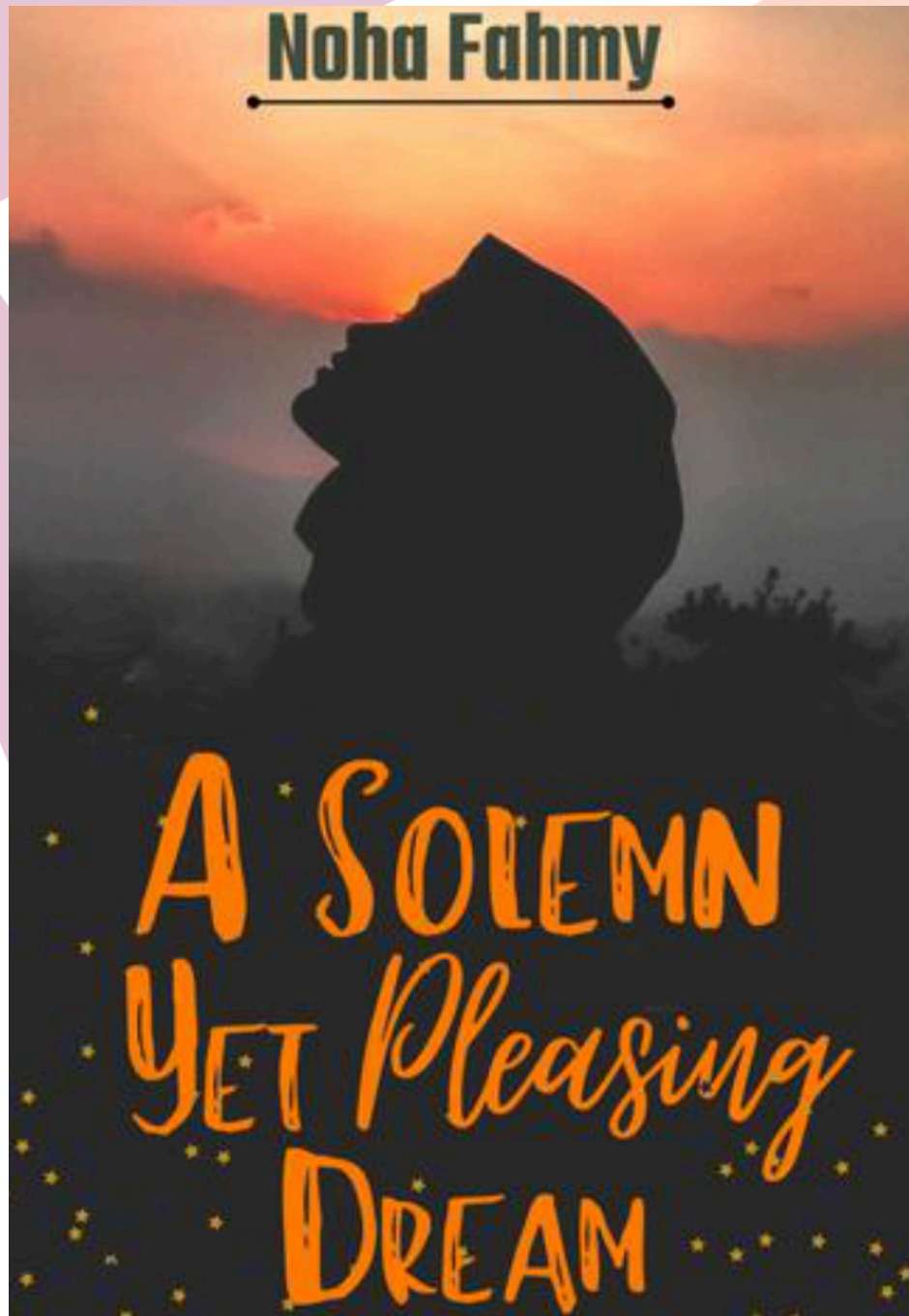


TEACHER RESOURCES & STUDENT ACTIVITIES



How to Use Storyshares Teacher Resources & Student Activities

Pre-Reading

Share **background information**.

Introduce the **vocabulary** to the students. Discuss meanings. Click here for an **instructional routine** for vocabulary.

Reading

Share the written response to reading prompt ahead of time as the **focus for reading**.

Encourage students to **read a chapter** of the text independently or in pairs.

After Reading

Students can complete the **trivia worksheet** or make it into a game! Either way, make time to review answers.

Students complete the **written response to reading** prompt.

Background Information

"You won't believe what happened! We won the lottery to go to America!" my husband told me. It was exactly what we'd been hoping and praying for, unaware of the challenges that were to come.

Visual Vocabulary

This vocabulary guide was created with English language learners in mind. This table flags Tier 2 vocabulary words in every chapter. This guide includes the definitions in context, as well as images and examples from the text.

Trivia Questions

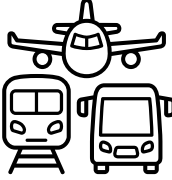

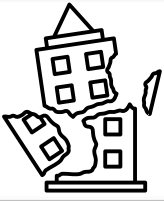

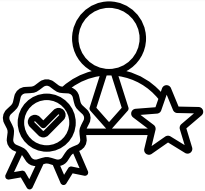



This is a ready-made student worksheet that can be given as a check for understanding after students have finished the book. You can also gamify the trivia questions, making this a small group activity. **Answers: 1. B; 2. D; 3. C; 4. C**



Click [here](#) for reading comprehension worksheets and graphic organizers.



A Solemn Yet Pleasing Dream by Noha Fahmy

Word	Definition	Image	Example
transportation (noun)	a system for carrying people or goods from one place to another using vehicles, roads, etc.		He had been saving money for transportation and wanted a better life for us. (ch 1)
customs (noun)	the place where traveler's bags are looked at to find if any goods were being carried illegally		Once we went through customs and were officially in America... (ch 2)
collapsed (verb)	fallen down; given way; caved in		Once we made it to the apartment, I collapsed from exhaustion and fell asleep... (ch 2)
exhaustion (noun)	a state of extreme physical or mental fatigue		Once we made it to the apartment, I collapsed from exhaustion and fell asleep... (ch 2)
professional (adjective)	requiring special training or skill		...thought he would find a good professional job like he had back in Egypt. (ch 3)
stressed (adjective)	experiencing mental or emotional strain or tension		My husband was always angry and stressed . (ch 5)
react (verb)	behave in a particular way in response to something		...because he was worried about how I would react . (ch 6)
obstacles (noun)	a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress		We had to go through all the obstacles to reach the success we have now... (ch 8)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Multiple Choice

Read the questions carefully. Choose the answer that fits the question best.

1. Why didn't the narrator's family tell her about her father's death?

- A. They thought she already knew.
- B. They didn't want her to be stressed.
- C. Her father wanted it to be kept a secret.
- D. They wanted to surprise her with a memorial.

2. What was the narrator's first impression of being on a plane?

- A. Disappointment
- B. Relaxation
- C. Regret
- D. Fear

3. How did the narrator and her husband adjust to living in America?

- A. They purchased a large house and car.
- B. They were welcomed by friends and family.
- C. They encountered challenges and financial difficulties.
- D. They found great jobs and settled in comfortably.

4. What major event increased discrimination against Muslims in America?

- A. The election of a new U.S. president.
- B. A new immigration law
- C. The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
- D. The collapse of the tech bubble.

Written Response to Reading

How did life improve for the narrator and her family after returning to America the second time? (*Life improved for the narrator and her family after returning to America the second time by...*)
