

*Persepolis* Reading Questions Ch. 16-17

“The Passport”

1. What had become a bigger conflict than the war against Iraq? How does this manifest itself?
2. How long were the borders of Iran closed?
3. What surprising philosophical comment does Marji make to her parents? What is your reaction to her statement? (See page 119)
4. In front of the hospital, what request is made of the Iranian people? What is the double meaning here?
5. People in need of hospital care face a dilemma: describe this problem.
6. How did the government delegate positions of power? Describe the encounter between Marji's aunt and the Minister of Health.
7. Where did many of the seriously wounded travel for treatment? Why is this ironic?
8. What is Taher's only wish? What prevents him from realizing his dream? Ironically what happens three weeks later?

“Kim Wilde”

9. When did Marji’s parents receive their passports? What was one provision listed?

10. What problem do Marji’s parents face as they return from their trip to Istanbul? How does Marji’s mom show her ingenuity?

12. How does Marji’s reaction to the Kim Wilde poster reinforce an existing conflict?

13. How did Marji’s mother compare to other Iranian mothers? How does Marji’s relationship with her mother seem to reflect typical parent-child issues?

14. How had Iran’s food shortage been solved? What was appealing about Gandhi Avenue?

15. What was the purpose of the Guardians of the Revolution? What happens when they encounter Marji? How does Marji respond?

16. Why will Marji have to go before the Committee? What would happen there? How does Marji avoid going before the Committee?

17. Analyze Marji’s behavior when she returns home.

