***The Librarian of Basra* –Listen to the recording. NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Next, discuss each question with your group, answer the questions on your own handout. Answer in at least 2-3 complete sentences for full points.**

* Why are books important?
* Why was it so important to Alia and her neighbors to save the books?
* Why do you think the governor didn't help her?
* How does Alia feel as the war rages on and the library burns down?
* What gives Alia hope toward the end of the story?
* Do you think Alia is a hero? Why? Why not?

**Finally, on your own, answer the following questions:**

* What are your favorite books?
* Write down two reasons that these books are your favorite
* Write down two reasons why someone might want to destroy books.
* Why do people enjoy reading books?
* How might knowledge contained in books empower someone?