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Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere – Section 1 Questions – Chapters 1-8

These eight chapters allow you, the reader, to get to know everyone who is important to Armani Curtis, our protagonist and narrator. Describe each character using at least **two** adjectives in your description and tell how each person is **related** to Armani.

1. Armani Curtis _____

a. George Curtis _____

b. Katherine Curtis _____

c. Memaw _____

d. Georgie _____

e. Sealy _____

f. Khayla _____

g. Kheelin _____

2. Who are these characters and how are they involved with Armani?

a. Tay Tay _____

b. Danisha _____

c. Bowman Children _____

3. What is so special about this weekend for Armani? _____

4. What was Armani's favorite thing to do every day? _____

5. When does Mr. Curtis start to worry about the hurricane coming? _____

6. How would you describe the relationship of Armani's family at this point in the novel?

7. What are your feelings about Armani wanting her birthday party even though a hurricane is coming? _____

8. What does Armani receive for her birthday present and what does she name it and why?

9. Why do you think Armani's parents still have the party on Sunday, Aug. 28 with a hurricane coming and why didn't they evacuate? _____

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Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere – Section 2 Questions – Chapters 9 -23

Answer the following questions in **complete sentences** in your notebook leaving space to add more to your answer.

1. How does Armani show she is not selfish during her birthday song and after the song?
2. How do you know Georgie admires his sister, Armani?
3. What happens to daddy during the storm as he is praying to Jesus?
4. How does Armani describe the Black – Velvet painting of Jesus? What happens to this painting?
5. What does Memaw give Armani when Armani discovers one of her new school shoes has been torn up by Cricket?
6. Find at least **three similes** describing the storm or weather in this section of novel.
7. What gigantic thing was headed straight for the Curtis's house – describe it?
8. How does Memaw calm everyone down in the attic?
9. What special thing does Memaw give to Armani in the attic and why?
10. What happens to Memaw in the attic? Why do you think this happened?
11. How does the Curtis family get out of the attic?
12. What happens to Cricket, Georgie, and dad on the roof?
13. How does Armani show confidence and bravery when the helicopter leaves them?
14. Why is there a butterfly on Armani's boot and later on the man's cap who rescued them? (Show the symbolism)
15. Why won't mom get on the boat with her girls?

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Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere – Section 3 Questions – Chapters 24 - 42

Answer the following questions in complete sentences in your notebook leaving space to add more to your answer.

1. Why does Mama change her mind and get into the boat with her daughters?
2. While riding in the boat what does Armani finally see that looks familiar?
3. Why does Mr. Oscar Dupree drop Armani's family off in the middle of nowhere?
4. What happens to Khayla as the family is making their way to dry land?
5. At the end of ch. 27, Armani takes the blame for what?
6. Where does Armani, mama, and sisters finally end up?
7. What happens to Kheelin, and what does mama tell Armani?
8. After mama leaves, who does Armani and her sisters meet, and how does she help them?
9. Who gave up her seat on the bus for Armani and her sisters? How has this character changed?
10. Once at a shelter, why is Armani afraid to stand in the line where everyone is being questioned?
11. Who helps Armani and her sisters get out of the INTAKE Line, and where do they go?
12. Why does Armani wish she were nine again?
13. Who is Priscilla Nash, and why is Armani afraid of her?
14. What does Miss Nash bring the girls?

15. Who does Armani run into after she goes to the bathroom by herself? (Name them all.)

16. Who does Armani tell and what does she tell that person about what is sitting heavy on her mind?

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Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere – Section 4 Questions – Chapters 43 - 60

Answer the following questions in complete sentences in your notebook leaving space to add more to your answer.

1. Armani finally finds out who Miss Nash is. Who is she? What does she do?
2. How does Khayla finally get to the doctor?
3. What **BIG** surprise do Armani and her siblings get when they go to see Khayla in the doctor's tent?
4. What happened to the Bowman children once Armani and her sisters found Mama?
5. Where is this shelter that they are all staying in? What town?
6. What does Miss Nash have, and what does she want to do with it?
7. What does Armani blame herself for?
8. What does Mama give back to Armani, and what does she tell her?
9. How does Mama convince Armani to take off Memaw's boots?
10. Who goes with Armani to Nola (New Orleans) to search for daddy and Georgie?
(Name all passengers in the SUV.)
11. What does Armani do when she sees Uncle Alvin? What happens?
12. What **TWO** things does Matthew tell Armani on the ride to NOLA?
13. Describe the things Matthew and Armani see as they ride into NOLA.
14. What does Armani realize for the first time as they get closer to the Lower Nines?

15. What does Matthew say in response to Armani saying it was my fault that they didn't evacuate?
16. What happens to Matthew and Armani as Miss Nash and Uncle Alvin go search for Tay Tay?
17. Which family member of Armani drowned in the flood? Who survived the horrible water?
18. What did Sealy give Armani to give to Georgie?
19. When Miss Nash and Uncle Alvin come back to the doughnut shop, what do they see?
20. What is Armani **SO** upset about at the end of the story – what does she tell Georgie?
21. Give **several** examples that appear throughout the novel of the **faith in God** that the Curtis family had.