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"My Name is MARIA ISABEL" by Alma Flor Ada

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Chapter 1 & 2

1. Prologue--Some literary characters make a very strong first impression, just the way some people do. Take a closer look at the novel's first chapters. How does Maria introduce herself to the reader? What do you discover about her life and her personality right from the start?

2. Do any of the characters remind you of anyone in your life? Who? Describe him or her.

3. Make a character analysis of Maria. You can add to it along the way.

4. Hmm... Morning before school...Maria Isabel can't eat. Staring off- What can I infer about Maria Isabel?

5. Who can we infer Clara and Virginia are?

6. Think about a story map. What is the setting? What is the problem?

7. How does the author's use of language help you to understand the setting?

8. What point of view is the story told? Who is telling the story?

9. At the end, give a summary of the chapter.

Chapter 2

1. "Eagerly" Let me use my context clues. I'll reread the sentence that 'eagerly' is in. She loved the sea and had always dreamed of seeing a dolphin. Ex: excitedly, anxiously (pg. 9)

2. What do we know about the characters? Maria Isabel, Mami and Papi, Brother Antonio
