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# THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION - PERSEPOLIS

*Please answer the following questions that go along with your reading of Persepolis. Make sure to answer with support from the graphic novel.*

## **The Veil:**

1. What happened to Matrapi while she was at school?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What were the changes that occurred during the “Cultural Revolution”? What culture did the Iranians not want in their society?

## **The Bicycle**

3. Why was the Iranian Revolution according to the Iranians – 2,500 years in the making?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. From the actions of the Shah, what do you think Iranians thought of him?

## **The Water Cell**

5. Marjane’s father explains how the Shah was made king. How did the Europeans influence the Iranians and their creation of a new government?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Why does Marjane’s father compare Reza Khan to Gandhi and Ataturk? What point is he trying to get across about the Shah of their country?

### **The Party**

7. Should we consider the people that wanted the Shah out as radicals or rational? Explain.

### **The Heroes**

8. Look at the profiles of the two men called “radicals”. Why do you think they were jailed by the Shah (remember who the Shah supported)

### **The Trip**

9. How did the Iranian Revolution affect both men and women and their dress? How would you react to these laws?

10. Do you think it was appropriate for Marji’s family to go on a trip at this time? Why or why not?

## **Kim Wilde**

11. Why would posters be illegal? How was Western culture “decadent”?

12. Why was Matrapi a traitor to the revolution according to the Guardians of the Revolution?  
Why was it dangerous to try to be an individual?

## **The Dowry**

13. How did Satrapi cause issues at two different schools standing up for herself? Was she right?

14. What does the quote mean – “To die a martyr is to inject blood into the veins of society.”  
(Difficult quote to understand but try to analyze it anyway!)

15. From the start to the end – describe the change in Marjane Satrapi by growing up through the Iranian Revolution.

## **Conclusions**

16. In your own words please describe the Iranian Revolution. What was it about? What happened during it? What were the effects on Iranian society? Why did Marjane Satrapi make the correct decision in leaving?