

Noon Chai and a Story

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

Displacement

Culture & Tradition

SEL

SUB-THEMES

Intergenerational Storytelling

Power of Books & Libraries

Partition of India

Oral Histories

Story Discussion Guide

- Understand how grandparents preserve stories, culture, and tradition across generations.
- Recognize how books and storytelling create access to education in underserved communities.
- Explore the emotional effects of political separation through child-friendly discussion.
- Reflect on how food and tea connect people across cultures.

Lesson plan

Learning Outcome

Before Reading:

- What's your favorite story from your grandparents or elders?
- What food or drink reminds you of home?
- Have you ever written down or drawn a family memory?

During Reading :

- Why does Amiya want a library?
- What do you think noon chai symbolizes in this story?
- What feelings does Deidi carry from her past?
- How do grandparents pass on culture even without books?

Activities:

- Students draw a teacup and write one memory, story, or tradition from a family member inside it.

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 4 – Quality Education
- SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 16 – Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions
- SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG Explanation

- SDG 4: Shows how storytelling and books support quality education in underserved areas.
- SDG 10: Highlights inclusion and voice for traditionally marginalized regions.
- SDG 16: Uses personal narrative to model peaceful coexistence and historical awareness.
- SDG 11: Celebrates cultural identity and local wisdom in building community resilience.

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit initiative that curates children's stories from diverse cultures and lived experiences around the world. It gives children a window into other communities—and a mirror that affirms their own, helping children recognize the shared humanity that connects us across differences. Through narratives that gently challenge biases and broaden worldviews, Zamasama helps children see difference not as a barrier but as a bridge. Through the power of stories, we sow the seeds of pluralism that can grow into a more harmonious world for all.