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Study Guide 3

Beginning of Part Two to "I don't even know what alchemy is," the boy was saying, when the warehouse boss called them to come inside." (pg 51-71)

1. Why does the boy stay on the job with the crystal merchant?

2. In order to attract more business after working there for one month, what does the boy suggest that the crystal merchant allow him to do?

3. What are the five obligations outlined by the Prophet in the Koran?

4. Why didn't the crystal merchant ever go on a pilgrimage to Mecca?

5. What reason does the merchant tell the boy about why he would not go to Mecca now?

6. After another two months of working for the merchant, what idea does the boy have to bring more customers into the crystal shop?

7. Why does the merchant claim to feel worse than he did before the boy arrived to work for him?

8. When the boy tells the merchant that he is going to be leaving to return to his country to buy sheep, he asks for the merchant's blessing. What does the merchant say about the boy's journey home?

9. Where does the boy decide to go once he leaves the merchant's home?

10. Who befriends the boy on the journey?