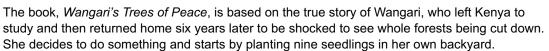


LINKS TO LITERATURE:

In the book, *The Carpet Boy's Gift*, the main character, Nadeem, is a bonded laborer, a child who works in a carpet factory to pay off a loan his family accepted from the factory owner. While reading the book there are opportunities for students to use mathematics to gain a deeper understanding of the problems and choices that Nadeem faces. For example, Nadeem is fined 50 rupees for falling asleep at the loom.

- If the exchange rate is \$0.02 Canadian for 1 rupee, how much is Nadeem's fine in Canadian money?
- How much is Nadeem's fine of 100 rupees in Canadian money?
- It takes Nadeem six months to pay off the 50 rupee fine. At this rate how long will it take him to pay off a fine of 500 rupees?



- If Wangari planted 9 seedlings a day, how many days will it take for her to plant 425 trees?
- Wangari asks other women to help her plant seedlings. If each woman plants 9 seedlings, how many trees will 72 women plant?

