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Reading Guide for **Xenophobia**
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Summary: "Xenophobia" follows women from Central Asia who are confronting prejudice after migrating to Russia.

A. Review the key vocabulary words
xenophobia, nationalities, hostility, slur, Mosque, vitriol

B. As you read, use details from the text to respond to the following questions:
1. Why is Russia an attractive prospect for migrants, especially member countries in the Eurasian Economic Union like Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan?   2. Describe some of the challenges migrants face when looking for employment, housing, and healthcare in Russia.   3. After the shop where she was employed was robbed, why did police and ambulance workers refuse to help Guliza?   4. What is fueling Xenophobia in Russia?   5. How are migrant women like Zhibek coping with racist hostility in Russia?

C. Write or discuss your responses to the following questions:
1. Anna Rocheva, a researcher at the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration says in the story, "Russians complain that migrants don't speak their language, spoil their culture, and take their jobs. In this sense, every country is the same—when people are xenophobic, they say the same things.'" To what extent do you agree with that statement? Is there xenophobia in your country? If so, does it look similar or different than the xenophobia described in this article?

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2. Despite the tremendous hostility and challenge that Zhibek faces, she and other migrants from Central Asia seem to find support in community spaces and initiatives. Why are community spaces so powerful, especially in the face of transition and adversity? What makes a strong community space?