REQUIRED SUMMER READING
The Kite Runner ISBN: 9781594631931

Welcome to Literature: The Origin & The Destination!

In English 11, we’re going to look at how stories evolve: where authors get ideas, how ideas are developed, and how literature serves as a springboard for other literature, movies, and more. As you read *The Kite Runner*, think about how this novel might fit into the theme. It’s okay if you don’t know yet, but read the novel with this overarching theme in mind.

**Assignment:** Read *The Kite Runner* carefully. There is a movie, and I plan to show this to you in class at some point. Do NOT rely on the movie to complete this assignment; you won’t be able to do so. Please read the novel carefully. If you buy a copy, I recommend annotating as you read.

For each chapter in the novel:

1) Write a 3-4 sentence summary. Don’t write more than 4 sentences! This is in addition to any annotations or margin notes you may make as you read. Make sure to take note of where and when the chapter takes place within your summary.

2) Write 4-5 bullet points:
   • What confused you? Ask a question.
   • What is something in the chapter that you found particularly interesting or something you’d like to know more about?
   • If you notice patterns, themes, symbols, setting, etc – write it down.
   • Make a connection with something you’ve read before, learned in another class, something in your own life.
   • Make a prediction, or, as you move further into the book, loop back and add to something you wrote before. If you have an epiphany – that “aha!” moment – add it!
   • Your reaction to a character, an action, an event. If something surprised you, angered you, made you happy … this is the time to comment on that. If you think you would’ve handled a situation differently, talk about it!

Do NOT reiterate the summary in the bullet points! The summary is plot-focused. The bullet points are your reactions to and questions about what happened. These are very different things.

You may either:

1) Complete this assignment at the end of each chapter in the book (ONLY if there is enough blank space to do so) OR ...

2) Complete this in a Word Doc or handwrite it. This is the recommended version so you make sure you have enough space to thoroughly complete the assignment in a neat, organized format.

Either way, you will need to turn in this assignment on the first day of class! If you’ve typed this, make sure it’s printed before you come to class, and bring a copy of the novel with you, too.
**Summer Reading expectations:**

- All students who enroll on or before August 20, 2021 must read the book assigned for their course and complete this summer reading assignment.

- All students who enroll on or after August 21, 2021 should begin reading the summer reading book upon enrollment and email the teacher for details about assignment expectations.