

***The Kite Runner*: English 12 CP Summer Reading Assignment**

For summer reading, you will read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. As you read, you will complete the two following assignments (see attached explanation and format). These will be printed in hard copy and handed in the first day you return to school. I will use the assignment to gauge what your strengths and weaknesses are and plan accordingly for your education throughout the year.

Any evidence or suspicion of plagiarism will result in an immediate “F” of assignment (not a good way to start the year).

1. You will keep a dialectical journal as you read. The journal must have at least **TWELVE** entries that are spread out evenly throughout the novel. They must be from the beginning, middle and end of the book. Your twelve entries must be the following:

- Two entries that (Q) Question—ask about something the passage that is unclear
- Two entries that (C) Connect—make a connection to your life, the world or another text
- Two entries that (P) Predict—anticipate what will occur based on what is in the passage
- Two entries that (CL) Clarify—answer earlier questions or confirm/disaffirm a prediction
- Two entries that (R) Reflect—think deeply about what the passage means in a broad sense—not just to the characters in the story/author. What conclusions can you draw about the world, about human nature, or just the way things work?
- Two entries that (E) Evaluate—make a judgment about what the author is saying

2. Choose **ONE** of the higher level responses and write **THREE** paragraphs responding to the novel in one of the following ways:

- Analyze the text for use of literary devices (tone, structure, style, imagery, etc)
- Make connections between different characters or events in the text
- Make connections to a different text (or film, song, etc)
- Discuss the words, ideas, or actions of the author or character(s)
- Consider an event or description from the perspective of a different character
- Analyze a passage and its relationship to the story as a whole