

English 10 Honors - Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Honors English 10! Your summer reading assignment is comprised of **one** title:

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.

Good readers interact with a text in order to increase comprehension and to awaken critical insight. To that end, we strongly recommend that each student purchase his or her own copy of the required text. While reading, you will want to **annotate** (underline, highlight, write notes) significant literary elements within the text. It is not necessary to purchase a new book. You can locate a used edition through many online booksellers.

Regardless of the semester in which you are scheduled for Honors English 10, your assignment is due on the first day of school in August. Submit completed work to your English teacher on the first day of school.

Overview of *The Kite Runner*

“*The New York Times* bestseller and international classic loved by millions of readers.

The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, *The Kite Runner* is a beautifully crafted novel set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed. It is about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

A sweeping story of family, love, and friendship told against the devastating backdrop of the history of Afghanistan over the last thirty years, *The Kite Runner* is an unusual and powerful novel that has become a beloved, one-of-a-kind classic.”

—Novel description from Amazon.com

Assignment for *The Kite Runner*

1. You will formulate a personal and analytical response to *The Kite Runner*.
2. You will identify passages (textual support), which reveal **characters’ traits both direct and indirect** and **the topic of love**.
Specifically, focus on the character, Amir as well as his interactions with his father, his friend Hassan, and his wife Soraya.
3. You will select **10 passages** from the novel that you feel are important or meaningful.
4. You are required to have **10 entries that should be spaced throughout the book**. (You will lose points if all your entries are from the beginning of the book.)

General Instructions

- **Each entry** should be typed in the **appropriate format** and should be **approximately 1/4 page** in length.
- Make sure to include the **page number after the quoted text**.
- Include the **text passage** and your **analysis**.
- See *sample* of format on the next page.

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SAMPLE ENTRY

Please type the following header (left side) on your assignment:

Your name

Teacher name

Honors English 10

Date

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Entry 1

Text: "Record the text from your novel in this space. Do not use ellipsis before, after or during a quote. If the passage is important enough to comment on, then quote it all. Don't forget to include the page number after the quote" (41).

Analysis: In this space you are to examine how Amir interacts with his father, Hassan, and Saraya. Trace the development of these relationships and analyze how the author reveals the concept of love in each of these relationships.

During the first week of class, you will be given a timed writing assessment based on your understanding and analysis of *The Kite Runner*.

Important Note: It is expected that all work submitted is the sole work of the student who is submitting the assignment. No outside resources (other than the novel) are needed in order to complete the assignment. Students are NOT permitted to work on the assignments together.

Have a great summer!
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