

June 2020

Dear AP English Literature and Composition Student,

Welcome to AP Lit, the class you have chosen for next year. To get your feet wet you have a reading for the summer you need to complete before school starts on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

The novel selected for this summer is:

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini*

Please read and annotate.

Regarding annotation, please do it as best you know how. Rest assured that we will discuss, at length, how to annotate during the course. **Annotation is your thoughts about the text WRITTEN ON THE TEXT.** I cannot exaggerate enough the importance of interacting with the texts you read. For now, stick these simple rules:

1. Write on the book using pen or pencil; if you do not own the copy, use post-it notes.
2. Look for significant imagery, diction, or metaphors, then ask: what do they do for the protagonist/antagonist/stock character/situation/issue? Why did the author choose to write the scene with that image, that word, or that metaphor?
3. Especially look for any of the above that you see repeated, and ask yourself: is it (the image, word, metaphor) used in the same way as it was before? If yes, why? If no, then, how it being used now? Why did the author make this change?)

Second, you will need to complete a dialectic journal. A dialectic journal is an opportunity for you to reflect and comment on portions or passages that are important to you throughout the novel. You will need to complete this by the time school begins on August 19, 2020.

Please, bring your annotated novels and dialectic journal to class on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Do not be afraid to be **WRONG**. Yes, wrong. There is very little that you can do wrong in an annotation or journaling, **except not annotating or journaling**. Your grade is based upon your willingness to try, to be "out there," to think non-linearly. Go beyond your comfort zone. This course will be exposing you to materials that are fresh, adult, and challenging -- be brave, be fearless.

Sincerely,
Ms. Valencia

*Please note the instructor for this course has changed, but the summer reading assignment remains the same.

AP Dialectical Journal

Read and annotate *Kite Runner* and choose 10 portions of the novel to analyze. Do **NOT** choose a quote that is on the Internet. I suggest you actually check Spark Notes, eNotes, Quizlet, and other common sites because if you choose one of the passages from these sites, your response will not be valid.

Download this document and complete it. You will be uploading it to Canvas and it will be reviewed by Turn It In.

Quotation	Page #	Response: Respond, Analyze, Evaluate
(What are you analyzing?)		<p>Respond: What did you, the reader, like or dislike about the passage? Why were you drawn to it? What was the emotional response you had to the words? Was this intentional?</p> <p>Analyze: Why was this quote placed in the chapter, at this point? How is it purposeful by the author?</p> <p>Evaluate: How does the quote extend beyond the text? Does it address a world value, moral, problem...universal theme? Why is this quote important?</p>