Seminar Questions for *The Kite Runner*

1. What did *The Kite Runner* teach you about Afghanistan? About friendship? About forgiveness, redemption and love?

2. Who suffers the most in *The Kite Runner*?

3. Were you surprised to learn about the racial tension between the Pashtuns and Hazaras in Afghanistan?

4. Can you think of any culture in the world without oppression?

5. Why do you think minority groups are oppressed so often?

6. What do you like about Baba? Dislike about him?

7. How was Baba different in the U.S. than in Afghanistan?

8. Did Baba love Amir?

9. How did learning that Hassan was Baba’s son change your understanding of Baba?

10. Why did Amir act so hatefully toward Hassan? Why did Hassan still love Amir?

11. Did Amir ever redeem himself?

12. What do you think happened to Sohrab after the novel ended?

13. Rate *The Kite Runner* on a scale of 1-10 and explain your rating. (1 your didn’t like it, 10 it’s your favorite book)

14. Why is Amir afraid to be Hassan’s true friend?

Essential Questions:

Is it ever appropriate or necessary to remain a silent bystander when someone is being hurt (physically or mentally)?

Is it possible to atone (make amends) for wrongdoings?

Do we have an obligation to be loyal and truthful to our friends and family members?
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