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Dear MAC AP LIT Student,

You have elected to study 12 AP English Literature and Composition this coming academic year. This is a college course that stresses challenging reading, in-depth analysis, and advanced written responses. You will be reading novels, plays, poems, etc. by great authors from various time periods. The AP Literature course is a demanding as well as rewarding one, and you are to be congratulated for your initiative. The work listed below is required summer reading for all AP students.

READINGS: While not required, it is suggested that you purchase your own copy of the novel so that you can make notations concerning style, characters, plot, themes, rhetoric, literary devices, and whatever else strikes you as important in remembering the piece of literature for further discussion. Post-its are a great way to keep track of ideas as well. Answers will be collected and graded in the first **week** of school. Final assessment for the summer assignment will result in at least one essay based on the novel during the first two weeks of school.

The Kite Runner Khaled Hosseini

ASSIGNMENT:

- I. Read the novel *The Kite Runner* and take notes on Amir's journey from the beginning of the novel to the end using the following prompt.
“A bildungsroman, or coming-of-age novel, recounts the psychological or moral development of its protagonist from youth to maturity, when this character recognizes his or her place in the world.” Using the character Amir, from *The Kite Runner*, takes notes tracing the psychological and moral journey of his life from the beginning of the novel to the end.

Your notes should include specific passages/quotes and trace the following aspects of Amir's journey:

- a) how Amir is characterized as a child and the factors that shaped his childhood/ personality
- b) Amir's transitional years into adulthood (especially his life in the US)
- c) how Amir evolves regarding his journey back to Afghanistan and beyond

- II. Take notes on the chapter: *Is That A Symbol?* It will help you understand the function of a symbol and Trace the meaning of kites throughout the story.

Chapter 12: Is That A Symbol? From *How to Read Literature Like A Professor* Thomas C. Foster

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jt0KSChMgG3s1XH3H-WfIjHX-hW3TRqz/view?usp=sharing>

Happy reading! Have a great summer!

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