

MT 4:

# Literary Essay

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Unit Four of Six

English 12: College Prep

# Texts

- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

# Assessment

- Thematic Analysis Essay
  - Read *The Kite Runner*, then write a literary analysis essay focused on how the author develops themes.

# Standards Assessed

- RL.12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
- RL.12.2-3 Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas. Analyze the impact of the author's choices regarding how to develop and relate elements of a story or drama (i.e. how the characters are introduced and developed).
- W.12.1a.i Introduce a precise, knowledgeable claim
- W.12.1a.ii Create an organization that logically sequences the claim, reasons, evidence, and commentary.
- W.12.1b Develop claim fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant evidence in a manner that anticipates the audience's knowledge level.

# Standards Assessed

- W.12.1c Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons and between reasons and evidence.
- W.12.1d Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- W.12.1e Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- L.12.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
- L.12.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

# Timeline

- Week of 1/6:
  - Background info
  - Thematic development
  - Literature Signposts
  - Start/discuss KR
- Week of 1/13:
  - Read/discuss KR
- Week of 1/20:
  - Read/discuss KR
- Week of 1/27:
  - Finish/discuss KR
  - Write thesis & intro paragraph
- Week of 2/3:
  - Integrating quotes
  - Conclusion notes
  - Write rough draft
- Week of 2/10:
  - Peer Review
  - Self Review
  - Revise
  - Thematic Analysis Essay due Friday, 2/14

# What Comes Next

- MT 5: Narrative Reading
  - Texts: *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare
  - Assessment: Socratic Seminar
- MT X: Independent Reading
  - Texts: Choice books
  - Assessment: Independent Reading Reflection Conferences
- MT 6: Oral Presentation
  - Texts: N/A
  - Assessment: Senior Reflection Presentation