

4. POLITICS

a. Many angles exist for following the politics of America's involvement in Afghanistan.

b. A few examples:

1. Have students track how often stories appear about Afghanistan on evening news broadcasts or in daily newspapers and track what the topics are.
2. Track military movements on line.
3. Track coverage of the war online. CNN, for example, has a special area in its drop down areas, which covers news out of Afghanistan every day.
4. Study various political blogs to discern arguments on right and left toward the war effort.

RESOURCES:

Countless resources exist; really an overwhelming amount, but a few are listed here.

1. *National Geographic*
 - a. June, 1985 (a famous cover of an Afghani refugee)
 - b. Dec., 2001
 - c. Nov., 2003 (includes excellent map of ethnic regions, p. 36)
 - d. Dec., 2004
 - e. Feb., 2008 (special focus on the Hazers)
2. *The New Republic*, Aug. 12, 2010 (a special issue devoted to the war effort and its implications)
3. *Where Men Win Glory, The Odyssey of Pat Tillman*, J Krakauer: see esp. Part One for background on Afghani history.
4. *The Horse Soldiers: The Extraordinary Story of a Band of US Soldiers Who Rode to Victory in Afghanistan*, D. Stanton: a stirring story of early US involvement in Afghanistan in late 2001
5. *The Places in Between*, R. Stewart: a fascinating travelogue by a young Brit who walks across Afghanistan

6. *The Bookseller of Kabul*, A. Seierstal
7. *The Swallows of Kabul*, Y Khadra: life under the Taliban
8. *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, K. Hosseini: his second Afghanistan novel, illustrating the lives and plights of women in the country
9. Also check out Googlelittrips.com for a fascinating virtual geographical reconstruction of the world of *The Kite Runner*.