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Take Home Quiz: Creative Application

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Due _____

Name _____

Directions for building your Kite: For your project you will develop a creative piece that incorporates elements of literary devices, plot, point of view, character, symbolism, or theme. You must choose ONE of the following options to select from (find your niche).

- **Creative Writing:** a) Write a 1-page journal entry from the point of view of a character from *The Kite Runner*.
b) Write a letter to a character incorporating the character's voice, tone, and psychological development from the perspective of another character.
c) Select a poem that Amir discusses in the novel by either Rumi or Hafez. Print the poem and provide a ½ page written analysis of the themes and motifs revealed in the poetry. Another option is to write your own ghazal or qasida in context of the novel's themes and provide a ½ page rationale.
- **Literary Analysis:** Write a 1-page analysis of character relationships in the novel (i.e: Amir/Baba, Hassan/Amir, Soraya/Amir, Rahim Khan/Amir), a symbol, a dream/memory, or a comparative analysis of the relationship between Hazaras and Pashtuns (explore the different political and religious backgrounds that create these shifts between Sunni and Shi'ites). (Speak to me for an option of your own selection).
- **Artistic Representation:** If you are artistically inclined you can do a color illustration or drawing (minimum size of an 8.5 x 11 inch paper) that delineates aspects of characterization, symbol, plot, literary elements, p.o.v., or theme. Your piece must be followed by a ½ page rationale describing how your drawing is reflective of those aspects from the novel. Additionally, the Metropolitan Museum in NYC has an Islamic art gallery. Select two pieces of artwork that caught your interest and write a one-page analysis of the influences of the artwork both in contexts of the novel and the Islamic World. (Provide ticket stub for date of visit).

Margins for your assignments must be 1-inch, size 12 font. To edit margins on Word Doc, go to –Format-Document-adjust top, bottom, left, and right to 1-inch-

You will submit this piece to me no later than _____. Print TWO copies. One to paste on your kite projects and the other for me to grade. Treat this as a homework assignment. It will be marked as a **ZERO** if it is not submitted on time. We will use these pieces to incorporate onto the kites you will develop with your group.

Do Now: You will design a kite based on one of the characters in *The Kite Runner*. In preparation for your kite project, decide with your group members how you will divvy up who brings the materials you need. You must bring one large poster board/foam board for your kites (possible materials: masking tape, strings/ribbons, old patterned fabric, skewers, multi-colored plastic bags).

Character your group is assigned _____

Material assignment

Group member's name _____ Materials _____

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