



The School for Creative and Performing Arts
Summer Reading for AP Literature and Composition
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Summer work is due by the first Friday of the school year. All work needs to be in your google drive. The first day of school we will upload all work to Google Classroom.

No late summer assignments will be accepted.

The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini

The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, *The Kite Runner* is a beautifully crafted novel set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed. It is about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

A sweeping story of family, love, and friendship told against the devastating backdrop of the history of Afghanistan over the last thirty years.

Written Response For *The Kite Runner*:

Write about the following prompts using the text as evidence, as well as personal experience. 1-2 page typed (double-spaced) and shared in google docs to hansenb@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

Part I: Response

Baba believes it's possible to confuse school with education. In his opinion, being educated involves more than what teachers, especially the teachers at Amir's school, tell students. To some people, this may be true, but others may have a different view. What does it mean to be truly "educated"? Does education mean only that one can recite historical dates or scenes from Shakespeare? Can someone who has traveled the world and has had a wide variety of life experiences be considered educated, even if he or she has never attended school?

Part II: Character Analysis

In Khaled Hosseini's novel "*The Kite Runner*," characters undergo profound transformations as they navigate personal struggles, societal expectations, and moral dilemmas. Select one major character from the novel (such as Amir, Hassan, Baba, or Assef) and write a character study. Explore the character's motivations, conflicts, relationships, and development throughout the story. How does the character's actions, choices, and experiences contribute to the novel's themes of redemption, guilt, loyalty, and the search for identity? Provide specific examples from the text to support your analysis and consider how the character's journey resonates with readers' understanding of human nature and the complexities of the human condition.

Materials needed for the first day of school:

- 1 pocket folder for AP LIT
- 1 pocket folder for College Applications
- 1 pack of white lined 4x6 note cards

