

Dear Students,

Welcome to English IV Honors. Over the summer you are required to read a novel and do some critical thinking as an introduction of what to expect for the course. As you read Hosseini's novel, *The Kite Runner*, answer the following questions using specific passages from the text to support your ideas. Use those passages and the questions to make connections to your own life as well as analyze society and the world as a whole. When you return in September, be prepared to use the questions and answers to write an essay based on the major themes of the novel. I am excited to meet all of you on our first day.

Thanks,

Mr. Edolo

Essential Questions: (answer all questions in relation to yourself and the novel)

What is destiny and what life factors determine one's destiny?

To what extent are our interests, talents, and opinions formed by the hopes and expectations of our families?

What role do sin, guilt, and redemption play in the maturation process?

What responsibilities/allegiances to each other do all members of a family have to honor?

What is internal conflict and how is usually dealt with?

How do we define our own identity?