

The Kite Runner Questions

Spoiler Alert!

Please read the entire novel before answering the following questions. The questions will give away important details about the novel!

After you finish reading the novel, please answer the following questions in complete sentences and in detail. Do not answer the questions with one-word responses, i.e. yes or no! Explain every part of the question and provide examples from the novel.

1. What did *The Kite Runner* teach you about Afghanistan? About friendship? About forgiveness, redemption, and love?
2. Who suffers the most in the novel? Why and how?
3. How does the turmoil between Amir and Hassan mirror the tumultuous history of Afghanistan?
4. Were you surprised to learn about the racial tension between the Pashtuns and Hazaras in Afghanistan? Explain your response.
5. Can you think of any culture in the world without a history of oppression? What are the details?
6. Why do you think minority groups are so often oppressed?
7. What does the title mean? Do you think the kite running symbolizes anything? If so, why? If not, why?
8. Do you think Amir is the only character who feels guilty about his past actions? Do you think Baba had regrets about how he treated his sons?
9. What did you like about Baba? Dislike about him? How was he different in the U.S. than in Afghanistan? Did he love Amir?
10. How did learning that Hassan was Baba's son change your understanding of Baba?
11. How does learning about Hassan's heritage change how Amir views himself and his past?
12. Why did Amir act so hatefully toward Hassan after he saw him raped? Why did Hassan still love Amir?
13. Did Amir ever redeem himself? Why or why not?
14. Do you think redemption is ever possible?
15. How is sexual violence used in the book?
16. What do you think happened to Sohrab? Why?
17. Did the book change your feeling on immigration? Why or why not? Which parts of the immigrant experience seemed the hardest to you?
18. What did you think of the portrayal of women in the novel? Did it bother you that there were so few female characters?
19. Rate the novel *The Kite Runner* on a scale of one to five. Why did you choose this rating?
20. What do you think happens to the characters after the story ends? Do you think healing is possible for such scarred people?
21. What would you suggest to Amir as a child? As an adult?
22. If you notice someone is treating another human being poorly, what would you do? Is it your responsibility to help your fellow man? When should you interfere? When should you not interfere?
23. When other countries are in such turmoil, should we, as a nation, leave them alone and let them "fend for themselves? Or is it our duty, as a country, to provide aid and defense?