

## 2010 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT SJU ENGLISH

1. Read The Kite Runner.
2. Take 25 pages of **double spaced and typed (12 – 14 point Times New Roman font)** dialogic notes responding to specific lines, events, characters, conflicts, and social issues in the story.
  - Try to vary your responses, for instance, using parallels to current events, personal experiences, understanding (or not) of the text.
  - You may even incorporate research about some of the terms or social aspects incorporated in the novel.
  - **Make sure to include the specific page numbers to which you are responding.**
3. The length of entries may vary from 3 or 4 lines in bullet form to a half page or more responses. Entries should cover parts of the beginning, middle, and end of the novel (though not necessarily in evenly distributed portions).
4. In addition to the journal entries, in a two page, double-spaced, typed response, write about the social hierarchy at work in the novel (wealth, religion, gender, relationships), in other words, who has power in a given situation, when and how this shifts, and why. You may want to discuss several examples or concentrate on one character or group in the novel. This is not an essay; it's more of a free-written response, just be sure to be accurate and explain the logic in the support and example(s) you include.
5. This assignment is worth one exam grade, is due the first day of class, and will be collected on the fifth day of class. The journal is worth 70 points and the response is worth the remaining 30 points.
6. There will be a multiple choice reading check exam the third day of class.

### Additionally, please note:

- This is a tuition based course (about \$500 for 6 college credits this past year).
- No auditing of the courses is permitted.
- ***There is a strict attendance policy of no more than 12 absences per semester course which include field trips, illnesses, vacations, cuts, clubs, basically anything which causes you to miss class. The only exceptions will be official college visits (university note required, not parental), college orientations, and AP examinations that take place during your class period. After 12, you will not receive course credit.***
- There are no refunds after the first month.
- Signing up for this course in no way guarantees that you will get the credits; you must pass the class.
- Two grades are given in most cases, a high school grade and a St. St. John's University grade.