*The Kite Runner* Ch. 13-18

**Characters (how are they characterized in the story):**

* Amir
* Hassan
* Baba
* Ali
* Soraya
* Hassan
* Rahim Kahn
* Farzana
* Sohrab
* Sanaubar

**Motifs to annotate for:**

* Guilt and Redemption
* Father and Son Relationship
* Bullying
* Role of books/literacy
* Friendship
* Man’s inhumanity to man
* Discrimination/Class structures
* Loyalty and Devotion

**Chapters 13-18 questions:**

1. In Chapter 13, Amir thinks about the “bears” his father had wrestled during his lifetime. What “bears” has Baba wrestled?

2. What good news does Amir learn in Chapter 13?

3. What disappointment do Soraya and Amir face? Do you think Amir should have told Soraya about his betrayal of Hassan before they were married? Why or why not?

4. In 1989, what is going on in Afghanistan? Who are the Mujahedin? Who is in charge?

5. Chapter 14 brings us back to the opening of the book: the telephone call from Rahkim Kahm. What Is Rahim asking Amir to do?

6. In Chapter 15, Amir meets with the dying Rahim Khan. Where are they?

7. What does Amir say about clichés? Why does Amir use the cliché about “an elephant in the room” to describe his meeting with Rahim Kahn?

8. Afghanistan has been seized by what political group in Chapter 15?

9. In Chapter 16, Rahim tells us what happened to Hassan. What has happened? Where is he living?

10. Who is Farzana? Sohrab?

11. What happened in 1996 by the Taliban in *Mazar-i-Sharif*?

12. In Chapter 17, Rahim gives Amir a letter from Hassan, who wrote it six months before. What is the tone of this letter? How does Amir react?

13. In Chapter 18 Rahim tells Amir it is his job to find Sohrab in Karteh-Seh, Afghanistan, and take him to an orphanage in Peshawar, Pakistan. What is Amir’s reaction? Why is Sohrab in the orphanage what happened to his parents?

14. How does the cliché, “like father, like son” (p. 226) relate to Baba and Amir?

15. What clues hint at the secret that is revealed in Chapter 17-18? What is the secret? How does Amir react?