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| **(text / chapter(s) assigned): \_\_Chapter one\_\_\_\_ Pages:\_\_\_\_1-17\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Date *DUE*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Before class, write at least three questions for discussion and analysis. For each question, write down at least 1 passage that enables you to explore the question with your classmates. For each passage, include the page # and bullet point notes about the context and how it enables you to explore the question.**  **Q 1.**  What do you think of the language Changez uses and the way he speaks? Is it polite or impolite? Please give specific examples.  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 1-2, para. 1-3;  **Notes on passage (context and explanation of how this passage relates to the passage):**   * the wording shows great politeness * the way he speaks is somewhat aggressive   Even though Changez uses formal language and tries to speak politely. “Excuse me, sir, but may I be of assistance?” is a great example. However, the way Changez speaks is far from polite, and actually aggressive, as he is almost forcing the man by asking and answering by himself.  **Q 2.**  Noticing the detail that the American prefer the seat with his back to the wall and unwilling to take off his jacket, what does that imply?  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):**  pp.2, last paragraph: “You prefer that seat…”  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**   * the man was almost forced to go to have some tea with Changez * the man seems to be on a mission * Changez thinks highly of the tea here * The waiter in this restaurant seems aggressive * The man later reaches under his jacket, and very likely there is a gun, but still it might just be a wallet.   That implies the unwillingness of the man to go with Changez, and his discomfort for sitting in that café.  It can also be a hint for the man’s identity, since he is pretty cautious, and he might have a gun in his jacket.  **Q 3.**  What is the most important reason Jim employed Changez? Is it because of Changez ability or the similarity between Changez and Jim himself? Please explain.  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp.8-10, 13-15  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**   * The interview doesn’t proceed well at first because Changez is unable to “sell himself”. * Jim seems to be happy that Changez is like him in the past. * Defects exist in Changez’s evaluation and causes great errors in final evaluation. * Jim thinks Changez’s approach is right.   Both. Jim employs CHangez partly because he is poor and as “hungry” as he used to be, so that Changez will work hard for everything he desires. But without Changez’s real ability for analysing, he would not have been chosen. |
| **Class notes (these notes may be based on the teacher’s lecture, whole class discussion, or small group discussions with your peers):**  **Chloris 2:**  Changez is in great need of money and is longing for success, because Jim thinks his family is poor. So if Changez is employed, he will try his best to finish the work.  **Maggie 2:**  Alarmed, think it’s dangerous.  Have an overview of the café.  **Tracy 2:**  Because he thinks Princeton gives him everything: money, education, and even girlfriend. And by helping America, he is also helping Afghanistan.  **Natalie 3:**  He doesn’t want to be ashamed  **Jessie: Why describing Changez’s attitude towards Princeton?**  Contrast for Changez’s attitude before 9-11 and after 9-11.  How he loves America at first and how he hates it at last.  Changez’s integrity and gratefulness.  **Jimmy: Why Jim asked so many uncomfortable questions:**  Changez have little things to say when he was asked to “sell himself”, so Jim has to ask Changez questions. Jim wants to get something real from Changez.  Testing Changez what he will react if he is asked demanding questions.  **Sean: Why Changez is willing to help the American?**  Changez already knows that man, and knows he is from American military. So he wants to do something bad to that man, as we can see from the novel, Changez’s language is pretty aggressive, and is almost forcing him to go to have tea with him.  Because he loves American still. |
| **Reflection: significant ideas emerging from your notes (*What Have I Learned? What further questions have emerged from the class discussion?*)**  Through the class discussion, l realized that I do have ignored some perspectives while thinking a question, but listening to the answers from other people can always help gain a more overall idea, even the question raised by myself. For instance, before the discussion, I did not think of one reason for the American man sitting with his back to the wall is that he wants to make sure no one can kill him from behind. Also, for the character Changez, I can see different people have completely different opinions on him: some believe he is sinister, while others think he is just a talkative man who is willing to help others. It helps me see the effect of the novel on a wider range of people instead of only myself.  From the class discussion, a lot of other questions emerges, most of them focuses on whether the two men’s purposes are sinister or innocent. Even though this is a question with no correct answer, it is interesting to see different people holding different ideas and explaining the reasons. |

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| **(text / chapter(s) assigned): \_\_Chapter two\_\_\_\_ Pages:\_\_\_17-34\_\_\_\_**  **Date *DUE*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Before class, write at least three questions for discussion and analysis. For each question, write down at least 1 passage that enables you to explore the question with your classmates. For each passage, include the page # and bullet point notes about the context and how it enables you to explore the question.**  **Q 1.**  **Why the American keeps staring outside at the girls and the man beside? What is Changez reaction towards that?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 18, 25, 29, 34  **Notes on passage (context and explanation of how this passage relates to the passage):**  The man keeps staring at a group of girls from the College of Arts. He later begins to observe a man with long bear.  There can be different explanations for this question. The first possibility is that the American have finally started to become relaxed and look around, staring at the girls. However, the fact can also be completely different: the American is not focusing on the conversation with Changez and is cautious about his surroundings, probably because he is not interested or feel uncomfortable with Changez, or he is afraid of being in this strange place.  Changez notices his distraction and reminded him for four times. He even tells him the rules here and possible punishment for men who harass women. It is a kind of threatening the American and a warning for him. But still, it can be deliberate from Changez’ perspective.  **Q 2.**  **What is Changez’s attitude towards his friends’ manners? What does this imply?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 23-24  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  Apparently, his friends’ behaviour of impoliteness towards the senior annoys Changez. As we can see, even after his staying at the US for the college years, Changez is still not used to the American’s way of acting, implying his later decision to leave America.  The way of the friends treating the senior in Greece can also be seen as a symbol for the attitude of the US as a nation toward other countries like Greece.  **Q 3.**  **Why Erica is attracted to Changez instead of her other suitors like the man on the ferry or Mike?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp.19-23, 28  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  Different reasons might explain this. First, Erica’s bearing, that she plays tae kwon do, shows her affection for foreign cultures, so it is not surprising that Erica will find Changez exotic and attractive.  Second, as Erica herself says, she really like the politeness of Changez, and that gives her some personal space. This kind of politeness may further refer to Changez’ patience. Comparing to the man on ferry and Mike who directly show their affection towards Erica, Changez is patient enough to wait for the whole vacation, and just treat her as a friend.  Erica also appreciates Changez’s ability of bearing solitude, which she is longing for but unable to do. Erica is somewhat similar to Changez, as they are both outsiders. |
| **Class notes (these notes may be based on the teacher’s lecture, whole class discussion, or small group discussions with your peers):**  **Lutetia:**  Love as a general topic🡪make him more human.  **Christina**  Changez has his family to rely on and he focuses on the fundamentals and live in the real world, so he is solid.  While Erica lives in the past, in the memory of Cris. She has no one to approach for help without Cris.  **Oscar**  Chris is Erica’s home, where she feels solid and comfortable.  **Jessie**  Exotic, sophisticated, solid, has a strong mind, no nostalgia. |
| **Reflection: significant ideas emerging from your notes (*What Have I Learned? What further questions have emerged from the class discussion?*)**  We discussed about the different questions in class, and I can see that some people have exactly the same question as mine (Jessie’s). I believe other students have this kind of problem too. I think what we should do is to view everything from different angles, not only while we are answering a question, but also when you are reading the book and raising a question. A few things to consider while asking a question might be: is the wording of the question one-sided? Is the answer to the question too obvious or too general? How likely is it for others to come up with the same question?  Also, some questions raised by others I found really interesting or even surprising all focuses on the details, which I should also pay more attention to instead of asking general questions. |

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| **(text / chapter(s) assigned): \_\_Chapter 3 & 4\_\_\_\_ Pages:\_\_\_35-70\_\_\_\_**  **Date *DUE*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Before class, write at least three questions for discussion and analysis. For each question, write down at least 1 passage that enables you to explore the question with your classmates. For each passage, include the page # and bullet point notes about the context and how it enables you to explore the question.**  **Q 1.**  **What does Changez mean when he says “I was, in four and a half years, never an American; I was immediately a New Yorker.”?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 37  **Notes on passage (context and explanation of how this passage relates to the passage):**  Changez emphasizes the fact that he has been in Princeton, the US for four years, but he does not see himself as an American, he doesn’t feel the feeling of home at Princeton. However, when he graduates from Princeton and finds a job in New York, he feels as if he is coming home, and that is because the taxi drivers speak Urdu, there is Pakistan food around, and his skin “would typically fall in the middle of the colour spectrum”. Meanwhile, he is thought highly of at his work. Even now, New York still occupies a place of great fondness in his heart.  **Q 2.**  **Changez says “I was aware of an advantage conferred upon me by my foreignness, and I tried to utilize it as much as I could.” What is the advantage? And how is this sentence related to the whole book?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 47  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  It is not only that Changez can be outstanding in his job dealing with people because of Pakistani’s natural politeness, it also helps Changez to attract Erica, who really likes exotic things. He even attracted the gay on the subway. This sentence here emphasises how Changez’s foreignness is an advantage both at work and in everyday life. However, it becomes really ironic and a great contrast to what happened after 9-11. Everything changes, and his foreignness is no longer a gift, but something sinister. Changez loses his job as well as his lover partly because of his foreignness. That is related to the theme of racism and nationalism.  **Q 3.**  **What is Erica’s parents’ reaction when they meet Changez? And what does that imply?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp.61  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  Erica’s mother was very delight and says “very good”, while her father sees him differently by asking whether he drinks and discussing about the negative situations in Pakistan. However, what her mother says seems like evaluating an object instead of a human being; even though her father may say that just out of politeness, it still makes Changez uncomfortable, and even Erica notices that. All this implies the stereotypes Americans hold for foreigners, and further suggesting American’s turning attitude after 9-11. |
| **Class notes (these notes may be based on the teacher’s lecture, whole class discussion, or small group discussions with your peers):**  **Chloris: Dark side**  Self-satisfied, not noticing the dark side, a warning, not everything will go smoothly. It is a hint for what happened to Changez next.  Also, the dark side may refer to meritocracy. The group of colleagues may appear to be diverse in appearance, but same in education system.  **Tracy: the beggar**  To reflect social phenomenon that Pakistan is in great poverty.  The action of the American not giving the beggar anything also implies the relationship between two countries that the US is not giving Pakistan ang help.  **Natalie: lucky**  It is not because of luckiness but hard work.  He is not lucky because he should pay him a drink.  It may make others jealous, and give him more responsibility. |
| **Reflection: significant ideas emerging from your notes (*What Have I Learned? What further questions have emerged from the class discussion?*)**  We discussed the questions in groups of four, and afterwards we read the passage aloud and went through the vocabularies in Chapter 5 together. I realized how poor my vocabulary is and it is urgent for me to improve that.  When we are having the discussion, I also realized that I should think deeper and wider. Sometimes we need not only to put a question in the context of the book, but also think outside the book and relate the novel to that society and the common phenomenon revealed by the novel. |

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| **(text / chapter(s) assigned): \_\_Chapter 5 & 6\_\_\_\_ Pages:\_\_\_71-105\_\_\_\_**  **Date *DUE*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Before class, write at least three questions for discussion and analysis. For each question, write down at least 1 passage that enables you to explore the question with your classmates. For each passage, include the page # and bullet point notes about the context and how it enables you to explore the question.**  **Q 1.**  **Why Changez keeps comparing Lahore with Manila? And what is that different from the comparison between Lahore and New York? And why?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 73  **Notes on passage (context and explanation of how this passage relates to the passage):**  Changez keeps comparing Lahore with Manila because he was initially shocked about the fact that Manila is far more modern than Lahore. The comparison also implies Changez’s competitiveness and the great poverty Lahore was in. The comparison between Lahore and New York is rather because he wants to make a connection between the American man and himself. Also, the first comparison focuses more on what is different and Lahore doesn’t have, while the second one focuses more on things in common. The reason for that is because Changez initially underestimated Manila, while New York, in Changez’s view is powerful and is his second home.  **Q 2.**  **Why does Changez mention the relationship between mortality and procreation?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 89  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  Because he saw the contrast on another table of the pale bud and dark skin, and human liveliness and death of animals. It is a symbol for the law of jungle for human to eat animals, as well as for the US to do harm to Pakistan. At the same time, life and death shadows the relationship between Erica and him.  **Q 3.**  **Why does Erica say that she loves it when Changez talks about where he comes from?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp.93  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  Because in that situation, Changez was a bit depresses about the 9-11. The stories of his family can make Erica feels better and meanwhile, make himself happier. and in Erica’s words, good to have him back. When Changez begins to tell his own story and his own culture, he becomes his real self, instead of the indifference when he is focusing on the fundamentals. However, Changez does hide some details and only lets Erica know that Changez thinks will make her happy. In a sense, Changez is still using his exoticness to attract Erica, but not who he really is. On the other hand, Erica is also still attracted to Chagnez mainly because of his foreignness. |
| **Class notes (these notes may be based on the teacher’s lecture, whole class discussion, or small group discussions with your peers):**  **Jimmy: get ahead of myself**  Overconfident  Well-paid, high status.  **Sean:**  He wants be an American.  **Natalie:**  As a people from a different country which is always aggressive to his own. Because that symbolizes the US finally got attacked  **Alex:**  Hurt, yet expecting it, because of love. Connect at a emotional level, but not at a sexual/physical level.  **Chloris:**  Because he never stops working, ambitious, competitive, hungry.  President usually likes hard-working employee. |
| **Reflection: significant ideas emerging from your notes (*What Have I Learned? What further questions have emerged from the class discussion?*)**  We had a group discussion yet with different people today. I did find some new ideas in other people’s questions, because just talking to fixed people may also restrain our ideas and thoughts. While today I saw different styles of questions and different perspectives of answers. Also, it will be more interesting to discuss if the question is more general and controversial. |

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| **(text / chapter(s) assigned): \_\_Chapter 7 & 8\_\_\_\_ Pages:\_\_\_106-139\_\_\_\_**  **Date *DUE*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Before class, write at least three questions for discussion and analysis. For each question, write down at least 1 passage that enables you to explore the question with your classmates. For each passage, include the page # and bullet point notes about the context and how it enables you to explore the question.**  **Q 1.**  **What is Changez’s attitude toward the US? Why? What can we know about Changez from this detail? What can this tell us about the social background?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 108-110  **Notes on passage (context and explanation of how this passage relates to the passage):**  Changez is worried about himself sometimes, but overall, he is quite positive, as he says to Wainwright, he is not worried because Pakistan had pledged its support to the US, the Taliban’s threats of retaliation were meaningless, so his family will be just fine. Also, when he heard about the misfortune about Pakistani cabdrivers in Pak-Punjab Deli, instead of worrying about them, he just comforts himself that these stories are untrue, or even if it is true, that kind of thing will never happen on him, a Princeton graduate earning eighty thousand dollars a year.  We can see how selfish Changez is toward nation, and the arrogance he has because of his job.  Changez’s mental state actually reflects the trend that both US citizens and US as a nation only advocate money and fame, but oppress those poor people and nation.  **Q 2.**  **Why does Changez pretend to be Chris while having sex with Erica? What does this action imply?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp. 119-120  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  They are in Changez’s department. Changez tries to kiss Erica, but she has no response, because she misses Chris so much that she cannot have sex with Changez. But when Changez suggests to pretend him to be Chris, they did it. However, Changez thinks he is not himself, because he pretends to be others. It is a metaphor for Changez’ relationship with the US: he has to pretend to be an America in order to fit in there.  **Q 3.**  **What does the call received by the American man imply?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** pp.131  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  The man has received two calls this night, and as Changez says, it is exactly one hour between these two calls, implying the identity of the American. He might really be a spy or works for other national organizations. However, it can also reflect Changez’ caution for everything the American does, otherwise no one will notice how long it is between the two calls. |
| **Class notes (these notes may be based on the teacher’s lecture, whole class discussion, or small group discussions with your peers):**  Jimmy：  Why not worried about home.  Because Changez doesn’t want to show his worries to others and he pretend to be not worried at all. Also, he did not want the company know that he was worried or the company might think he was not loyal to the company.  Oscar:  Chlorris:  Not to break his fragile American dream.  Natalie: time only moves in one direction:  Because Jimmy wanted Changez to focus more on his work and pay more attention to the fundamentals. |
| **Reflection: significant ideas emerging from your notes (*What Have I Learned? What further questions have emerged from the class discussion?*)**  During this class period, we discussed the questions in a big group, there were many people I hadn’t had any discussion with before. However, some appeared to be more disengaged while they were discussing the questions with people they were not familiar with, the discussion appeared to be less active and it was quite hard to really expressed one’s ideas, because there were too many people that some people could not even hear others. I would prefer to work in small groups, but still, a big group discussion is also a new and more challenging way for me to try. |

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| **(text / chapter(s) assigned): \_\_Chapter 9 & 10\_\_\_\_ Pages:\_\_\_140-175\_\_\_\_**  **Date *DUE*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Before class, write at least three questions for discussion and analysis. For each question, write down at least 1 passage that enables you to explore the question with your classmates. For each passage, include the page # and bullet point notes about the context and how it enables you to explore the question.**  **Q 1.**  **Why didn’t Changez mention Erica to his parents?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** p. 143  **Notes on passage (context and explanation of how this passage relates to the passage):**  Because Changez thought the mentioning of Erica might disturb his parents and make them too worried about him. Another reason is that he and Erica were not contacting each other any more at that time and it was too early to mention that before things got determined.  The most important reason, however, lies in the cultural difference. Changez knew that his parents might be unable to accept Erica, as they have completely different values.  **Q 2.**  **“I know only that I did not wish to blend in with the army of clean-shaved youngsters who were my co-workers, and that inside me, for multiple reasons, I was deeply angry.” Why was Changes angry?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** p. 148  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  First, he felt bad about betraying his own culture. He was leaving his family and nation behind to come to the US. Second, he was angry that the US did nothing for help when seeing Pakistan in such miserable situation.  Moreover, he was angry with himself. He had already felt something losing in himself and he was assimilated in the US. He felt guilty and shamed that he had forgotten his own culture and his own nation.  Also, he was angry to see that the US makes so many elites from different countries working for them and assimilate them to work for the US.  **Q 3.**  **What does it stand for when Changez finally decided to leave Chile?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** p. 175  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  Changez initially divided himself to both the US and Pakistan. He waited for a long time before resigning, even though he felt bad about betraying his own culture and work for the US. However, leaving the US means the loss of his job as well as Erica. It was probably the hardest decision Changez made in the novel to resign the job. But this action signals the growth and maturity inside Changez. |
| **Class notes (these notes may be based on the teacher’s lecture, whole class discussion, or small group discussions with your peers):** |
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| **(text / chapter(s) assigned): \_\_Chapter 11 & 12\_\_\_\_ Pages:\_\_\_176-209\_\_\_\_**  **Date *DUE*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Before class, write at least three questions for discussion and analysis. For each question, write down at least 1 passage that enables you to explore the question with your classmates. For each passage, include the page # and bullet point notes about the context and how it enables you to explore the question.**  **Q 1.**  **Why Changez hesitated to read Erica’s novel given by her mother?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** p. 186-8  **Notes on passage (context and explanation of how this passage relates to the passage):**  Reading the novel is a symbol for Erica’s death. By not opening it, Changez still have the chance to wait for the reply from Erica and there is still hope for Erica’s return. Also, as it was mentioned in the novel, Changez was “frightened to do so”, because he thought it might be the last chance for him to hear Erica’s voice. He did not want to admit the fact that Erica was dead, so he did not want to see the novel until the last minute.  **Q 2.**  **What is Jim’s attitude towards Changez? And why does he fire Changez while still want to pay Changez a beer?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** p. 181  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  Jim certainly appreciated Changez personally, but considering the profit of the whole company, Jim decided to hire Changez. The reason for Jim to hire Changez was that Changez ruined everything for many times regardless of Jim’s countless times to kind reminding. Jim was a nice and patient president and it was normal to hire Changez under that circumstances. However, personally, Jim likes Changez a lot. He found Changez very similar to himself, both in personalities and family backgrounds. He really appreciated Changez’ ability, and he understood the horrible situation Changez was in, so he invited Changez for the beer.  **Q 3.**  **Why does Changez mention that he could not find the gallery they once went and the change in the park?**  **Relevant passage(s) (with page #):** p. 175  **Notes on passage (context, key phrases, analysis):**  These are the places where Changez and Erica once went for together when whey were still friends. They are filled with their sweet memories and are symbols for Erica. The fact that Changez could not find that gallery any more refers to the fact that he could not see Erica any more and very possibly she was dead. Also, the fact that the park had altered shows the fact that Changez’s attitude towards both Erica and the US had altered. The change can also be a symbol for the inconstant nature of the US. |
| **Class notes (these notes may be based on the teacher’s lecture, whole class discussion, or small group discussions with your peers):**  Bruce: “I reflected…in the world”  Complex attitude towards the US. He might be a liar.  Why did Changez mention the concept of acquaintances splitting the bill.  Being equal and how to treat their friends. Not real friends.  What does the firefly imply?  The symbol immigrants who seek for the American Dream keep going to the US for job and a better future.  Bruce  What is the difference between the action of Changez putting a jacket on the rock and Erica keeping Chris’ shirt?  Changez focuses on the current and future and hope to treat Erica well and hope her to move on in the future, while Erica, on the other hand, focuses only on the past and could not go out from that experience. It is related to the theme of nostalgia. |
| **Reflection: significant ideas emerging from your notes (*What Have I Learned? What further questions have emerged from the class discussion?*)** |