***Kite Runner* - Khaled Hosseini**

**Chapters 1 through 10**

**Character Conflicts (Self to Self, Self to Person, Self to Society, Self to Nature)**

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(Schwinn Stingray ↑↑)

**Instructions**: With your table group (or independently), identify the conflicts listed on the left-hand column. Explain the conflict in your own words. Find text evidence/passages for each conflict (excerpt or passage + page number). Then, based on your understanding of the character conflicts, explain which character you MOST empathize with and why.

| Conflict | Explain Conflict(s) In Your Own Words | Text Evidence/Page |
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| Amir → Self | He thinks of himself as weak(mentally and physically) and thinks of himself as a monster. | It had grabbed Hassan by the ankles, dragged him to the murky bottom. I was that monster. Pg 86 |
| Amir → Baba | He wants to prove himself to Baba but is sometimes angry that he is unable to understand him and seems to prefer Hassan | ¨After all, did´nt all fathers in their secret heart harbor a desire to kill their sons?¨ pg 29 |
| Amir → Hassan | Doesn't know what he is to him, thinks of him as less then and expendable. Latter blames him for the guild he is feeling | ¨What does he know, that illiterate Harzara? He´ll never be anything but a cook, How dare he criticize you?¨pg 34  Pg 77 Maybe Hassan was the price I ha to pay, the lamb I had to slay, to win Baba. |
| Amir → Society |  | Maybe pg 41 |
| Amir → Nature |  |  |
| Hassan → Self |  |  |
| Hassan → Amir |  |  |
| Hassan → Society |  | In the end I was a Pashtun and he was a Hazara, I was Sunni and he was Shi´a, and nothing was going to change that either pg 25  Pg 40 |
| Hassan → Nature |  |  |
| Baba → Amir |  | Pg 22 - ¨A boy who won't stand up for himself becomes a man who can't stand up to anything.¨ |
| Baba → Self |  |  |
| Baba → Society |  |  |
| Baba → Nature |  |  |

| When you’re done, choose the character with whom you empathize most and write a paragraph explaining how the conflict(s) help you empathize with their experience.  I find that I can empathize a little with each character in different aspects. But I feel that I can empathize with Amir further through the book because I know how it feels to blame yourself. And I know how it feels to be selfish, and petty as Amir seems to be in the story so far. I would never go as far as Amir does when he abuses Hassan, but I have manipulated and used people before. The main reason I feel that I relate to Amir is because he is aware of his own faults, and can recognize when he's done something wrong. I also notice that underneath his cold and even cruel action he has a lot of emotional and mental issues. And I  think that aspect allows me to emphasize with him the sense of wearing a mask. |
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