

The Kite Runner: Reading Questions—Chapters 21-25

1. In Chapters 21-22, the cruelty of the Taliban is clearly in evidence. Give two or three examples.

2. In Chapter 21, Amir finally sees Sohrab and realizes something about the Taliban official. What is it? What is your reaction to Assef's reappearance as a Talib? How does he justify his transformation? Is it a transformation?

3. In Chapter 22, we encounter many “full-circle” endings as we reach the climax, or turning point, of the plot. List three.

4. What is your reaction to Rahim Khan's letter to Amir? Should the letter have been presented to him earlier? Do you feel that Baba was a good man?

5. Consider your parents and how your opinions about them have changed as you have gotten older. Are there any parallels between your concept of your parents and Amir's concept of Baba?

6. Chapter 24 continues the falling action of the plot. Why do Sohrab and Amir travel to Islamabad? Amir says "There are a lot of children in Afghanistan, but little childhood." What does he mean? How can you relate this to Hassan and Sohrab?

7. What is a mullah?

8. Who is Raymond Andrews and how does he function in the novel?

9. What does Soraya agree to do?

10. What does Soraya's Uncle Sharif do to help Sohrab?

11. What promise does Amir break to Sohrab?

12. What then does Sohrab do? Why is this significant?

13. Chapter 25 resolves the action with Sohrab and Amir returning to San Francisco. Describe Sohrab for the first seven months he is in San Francisco.

14. General Taheri is worried about something when he comes to visit. What is it? What is Amir's reaction to this?

15. Why do Afghans gather at Lake Elizabeth Park?

16. What happens as Amir runs the kite for Sohrab?

17. How is this another full circle?

Questions at Level 2 or higher

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Possible Symbols

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Motivations

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