

Lesson Plan

BASIC INFORMATION	
Summary	On Day 14 of The Kite Runner unit, students will be able to analyze Amir and Soraya's identity as second generation Afghan-Americans
Grade Level	10th grade
Time Frame	1 hour 25 minutes
Subject(s)	Honors English 10
Topic(s)	
Instructional Materials & Prep	1. Google Slides 2. Daily Journal May 6, 2022 3. The Kite Runner 7 4. The Kite Runner 8 5. Displaced Persons Act of 1948 6. Displaced Persons Act: Questions 7. Displaced Persons Act: Interview 8. Displaced Persons Act: Narrative Essay 9. Displaced Persons Act: Project Resources: 1.
STANDARDS	
CA Content Standard(s)	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.
CA ELD/ELA Standard(s)	
Differentiated Instruction/UDL/C SP/SDAIE	Zoya Syed has 504 for hearing loss Cepha Biggs has IEP for autism Cecily Kingsley Williams has 504 for attention and auditory processing Peter Pacha has 504 for ADHD
OBJECTIVES	
	Students will be able to analyze Amir (and Soraya's) identities as second-generation Afghan-Americans

ASSESSMENT

[Daily Journal May 6, 2022](#)
[The Kite Runner 7](#)
[The Kite Runner 8](#)
[Displaced Persons Act of 1948](#)
[Displaced Persons Act: Questions](#)
[Displaced Persons Act: Interview](#)
[Displaced Persons Act: Narrative Essay](#)
[Displaced Persons Act: Project](#)

WARM UP

National Post: [It's a new world of dating in Canada for single Afghans — and they love it](#)
 NBC News: ['They'd shoot him right there': Afghan-American marriage in perilous limbo as Taliban return](#)
 NBC News: [Desperate for cash, Afghan families are selling young daughters into marriage](#)
 Daily Beast: [I Was an Afghan Child Bride](#)
 New York Times: [At Afghan Weddings, His Side, Her Side and 600 Strangers](#)
 NPR: [Crashing An Afghan Wedding: No Toasts But Lots Of Cheesy Music](#)
 Afghanistan Analyst Network: [The Bride Price: The Afghan tradition of paying for wives](#)
 Washington Post: [Opinion For the sake of a visa, I was forced into marriage in Arizona — at age 15](#)
 New York Times: ['We've Never Been Smuggled Before'](#)
 Al-Jazeera: [Taliban bans forced marriage of women in Afghanistan](#)
 New York Times: [Taliban Decree an End to Forced Marriages in Afghanistan](#)

AGENDA

1. Warm Up:

2. Review: The Kite Runner 7

3. Review: Family History Questions

4. Displaced Persons Act of 1948

1. Warm Up:

Students who submitted last chapter of The Kite Runner

1. Sama Elbaramawi
2. Mariam Helal
3. Cecily Kingsley-Williams
4. Sara Sayed
5. Zara Sayed
6. Nathan Smith
7. Zoya Syed
8. Luis Valdes
9. Omar Yassin

2. Review: [The Kite Runner 7](#)

1. Why did Soraya want to become a teacher?

NPR: [An Afghan Story: Khaled Hosseini and 'Kite Runner'](#)
3:39 - 5:25

It came together for me when the character of Hassan began to emerge. He came to life as a result of two separate incidents in my own life, one of which was pleasant and the other decidedly unpleasant. The first occurred in the early 1970s when my father, who worked for the Afghan foreign ministry, was posted to the embassy in Tehran. I was about six at the time. Dad had hired a cook in Kabul, a man named Hussein Khan, and brought him with us. Khan was an ethnic Hazara — a minority that had, at best, been neglected by Afghanistan's Pashtun government, and, at worst, persecuted, for more than 200 years. Khan was about thirty years old — a short, stocky man with black hair. He was very soft-spoken, very gentle. He and I became fairly friendly. I don't know if he had a family, or whether he'd been married, but I do remember he never wrote any letters to, or received any letters from, home. I asked him why that was. He said it was because he couldn't read or write. When I asked why not he said it was because no one had ever taught him. Naturally I said, I'll teach you. I guess I was in the third grade at the time. Within a year he could read and write, albeit with a childlike handwriting. (I used that incident in the novel for the character Soraya.) I was pretty proud of him and myself. He called me 'Professor Khaled'. I don't remember the exact circumstances of how it happened but Kahn ended up moving away. I don't know what became of him. It wasn't until much later that I fully appreciated that my time with Hussein Khan had been my first personal exposure to the unfairness and injustices that permeate society. Here was a man who grew up illiterate, and who was denied the opportunities I was offered as a third grader, simply because of his race.

Source: [Book Browse: An interview with Khaled Hosseini](#)

2. Why did Baba lose it in Dr. Schneider's office?

"I don't care where he was born, he's Roussi," Baba said, grimacing like it was a dirty word. "His parents were Roussi, his grandparents were Roussi. I swear on your mother's face I'll break his arm if he tries to touch me" (Hosseini 155).

3. What does Amir ask Baba to do for him?

Source: [Afghan Women's Writing Project: Khastegari](#)

Directions:

- Please read Newcastle University Senior Lecturer Raksha Pande's essay [Young British Indians are embracing arranged marriage – just not in the traditional sense](#)
- Please write one paragraph addressing the prompt:

Prompt:

- What is a "semi-arranged marriage"?
- What is a "love-cum arranged marriage"?
- What is a "love marriage"?
- How would you best describe Amir and Soraya's relationship?

- Arranged marriage
- Semi-arranged marriage
- Love-cum arranged marriage
- Love marriage

Pickers:

- How would you best describe Amir and Soraya's relationship?
 - Arranged marriage
 - Semi-arranged marriage

Parents who wish to help their child find a potential partner will introduce them to several candidates from within the British Indian population that they think could make a suitable match. Introductions can involve sifting through specially commissioned bride or groom CVs, studio photographs, events similar to speed-dating organised by local temples and, increasingly, matrimonial websites (even social media sites like Facebook and Instagram).

- Love-cum arranged marriage

The person who wants to get married finds someone they like themselves. In these marriages, couples go on dates and get to know each other before asking their families to approach the parents of their love interest in order to arrange a formal introduction. This is followed by parent-approved courtship and then marriage.

- Love marriage

Assume you fall in love with an Afghan, would you be willing to marry based on a love marriage?

- Yes
- No

Assume you fall in love with an Afghan, would you be willing to marry based on a love-cum arranged marriage?

- Yes
- No

Assume you fall in love with an Afghan, would you be willing to marry based on a semi-arranged marriage?

- Yes
- No

Assume you fall in love with an Afghan, would you be willing to marry based on an arranged marriage?

- Yes
- No

Yet love was an entirely afghan affair when Hosseini met his future wife Roya, an Afghan-American 14 years ago. It was at a party when he was away at medical school. He was smitten within an hour of meeting her and while he asked her to marry him.

"I gave her a call five days later, proposed over the phone," Hosseini said. "And she was duly stunned. But I had made an impression on her. And so she accepted. More importantly her father accepted."

He asked his father to seek Roya's hand from her father in the traditional afghan way. That tradition is played out on scene in what Hosseini says is a favorite sequence in the kite runner, which was originally a short story. He says he's been writing since he was 8 years old.

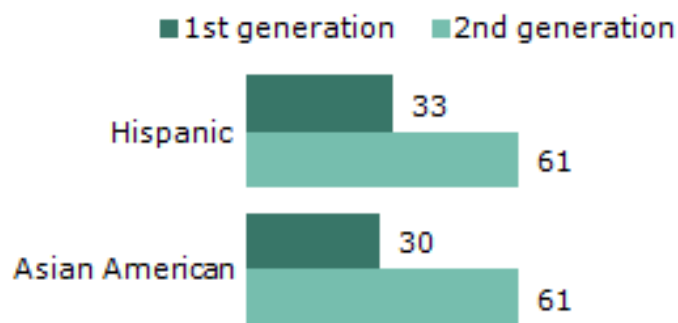
Source: [CBS News: Khaled Hosseini Soars To New Heights](#)

Discuss:

- In what ways are Amir (and Soraya) Aghan?
- In what ways are Amir (and Soraya) American?

Share Who Think of Themselves as A 'Typical American'

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Notes: Based on all adults. Responses of "Very different from a typical American" and "Don't know/Refused" not shown.

Source: 2011 National Survey of Latinos Q54, 2012 Asian-American Survey Q24

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Source: [Pew Research Center: Second-Generation Americans](#)

Fariba Nawa: [OUT OF BOUNDS: AFGHAN COUPLES IN THE UNITED STATES A STUDY OF SHIFTING GENDER AND IDENTITY](#)

New York Times: [Children of Immigrants](#)

3. [Displaced Persons Act of 1948](#)

[Immigration History: Timeline](#)

[Pew: How U.S. immigration laws and rules have changed through history](#)

- 4.

Homework	

AUTOPSY

Warm Up
9:08 - 9:25

Review: The Kite Runner 7
9:30 - 10:30

Email: Rahan, Salma, Sama, Hibah

Review: Family History Questions
10:30 - 10:33