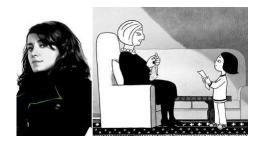
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# Context & Part 1

20 points

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Assessment Focus	<ol> <li>Individual Oral: oral presentation comparing a non-literary and a literary text that are tied by a shared global issue.</li> <li>HL Essay: Students submit a 1200-1500-word essay based on one literary work studied in the course.</li> </ol>
<b>Movements and Genre</b>	Genre: Graphic Novel/Memoir
Our Relationships with Comics Type in your answer to the questions on the right.	<ol> <li>What does it mean that comics are not "time-bound" for the reader?</li> <li>Why have comics been stigmatized over the years?</li> <li>What is the relationship between pictures and words in modern comics and graphic novels?</li> <li>To what extent can these visual texts enhance your intelligence?</li> </ol>
Geography, Resources, Demographics, & Economics of Iran Notes Type to the right	
Historical Context Take Notes under each of the headings on the right. (2 pts each)	Revolutionary Iran and the new Islamic Republic (1978-1979)  Religious Context: Shia Islam in Iran  Women's Rights and Gender Roles in Iran

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	Iranian Education System and Youth Culture
	<u>Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988)</u>
	Political Prisoners and Repression
	Western Influence and Cultural Tensions
Personal Context of Marjane Satrapi Author Background Notes	

#### 15 points

PERSEPOLIS Chapter Titles	ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS FROM READING	IMAGE FOR FOCUS Insert image selected from the chapter below	IMAGE ANALYSIS: Look at authorial choices. Color contrast, expressions, perspective, angles, etc. This is an analysis, not a description.
The Veil  1. How does the veil symbolize societal change, and how does it impact Marji and her friends? Provide textual evidence			

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2.	How are Marji's family	 	
	members characterized		
	in this chapter? What		
	visual and language		
	choices support your		
	conclusions about this		
	characterization?		
3.	What can you infer		
	about this chapter's		
	political and cultural		
	context and setting?		
	How does it influence		
	the characters?		
The B			
1.	How is Marji's		
	relationship with books		
	and her perception of		
	reality portrayed in this		
	chapter? What visual		
	cues support this?		
2.	Analyze the		
	characterization of		
	Marji's parents. How		
	are illusion and reality		
	juxtaposed?		
3.			
	influence in this		
	chapter. How does it		
	shape Marji's		

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worldview and th			
society around he	r?		
The Water Cell			
1. How does the nar	rative		
structure, specific	ally		
the use of flashba	cks,		
contribute to			
understanding Ma	arji's		
family history?			
2. Explore Western			
influence and the	effect		
of Marji's family	's past		
on her present. H	low		
does bathing sym	bolize		
this connection?			
<ol><li>Analyze the visua</li></ol>			
textual elements t			
show Marji's reac	ction to		
her family history			
What impact do the			
stylistic choices h	ave on		
the reader?			
Persepolis			
1. Discuss the rich h	istory		
vs. modern times	as		
depicted in this cl	napter.		
How do propagan			
protest, and truth			
intertwine?			

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2.	What visual and		
	language choices		
	highlight Marji's lack of		
	understanding of the		
	political situation?		
3.	How are propaganda		
	and protest portrayed,		
	and how do they shape		
	Marji's view of truth?		
The L	etter		
1.	Analyze Marji's		
	learning about social		
	class, focusing on		
	symbols like the		
	Cadillac. How do these		
	symbols relate to the		
	theme message?		
2.	Identify and discuss the		
	key symbols so far		
	(veil, Cadillac, books,		
	letter) and their		
	significance in the story.		
3.	Examine Marji's actions		
	and consequences in		
	this chapter. What effect		
	do they have on the		
	reader and how do		
	visual elements support		
	this understanding?		

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#### 10 points

CHOSEN PANEL FOR ANALYSIS  Capture a picture of your chosen panel from one of the chapters above and insert it in the space below.	TEXTUAL REFERENCE  Analysis notes below on how the words/text work with the image to communicate meaning.	AUTHORIAL CHOICES  Analysis notes below	HOW AUTHORIAL CHOICE SHAPES MEANING Analysis notes below

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### Part II

After completing the reading for the chapters in the table below, you will choose <u>one</u> of the prompts and write for 30 minutes in class.

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Persepolis - Homework Reading #2 - Choice Board		
The Party: Imagine you are attending the party described in the chapter. Write a letter to a friend who was not there, describing the atmosphere, the people, and your personal feelings about what was happening.	The Heroes: From the perspective of a minor character in "The Heroes," write a journal entry reflecting on the events and your understanding of heroism. Include visual and textual elements from the chapter that stood out to you.	Moscow: You are a reporter interviewing Marji's uncle who went to Moscow. Create a script for the interview, focusing on his experiences, emotions, and insights into the political climate.
The Sheep: Write a symbolic poem or short prose piece using the imagery of the sheep. Relate this imagery to the themes and events in the chapter, reflecting on the broader societal context.	The Trip: Imagine you're Marji, experiencing the trip described in this chapter. Write a postcard to a friend back home, summarizing your experiences, feelings, and observations. Include key visual or textual elements that shaped your understanding.	Across Chapters: Choose a recurring symbol or theme from these chapters (e.g., courage, disillusionment, family). Write a short reflective essay or narrative exploring how this element weaves through the chapters, using specific examples to support your insights.

Which chapter and prompt did you choose? Type your response below (10 points)

#### Part III

Symbols Reflection: Type your observations/reflections/insights on key symbols we have encountered thus far. (20 points)

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Symbol from Reading	My Reflection & Insights
Veil	
Bicycle	
Key	
Swan	
Cadillac	
Sheep	
Books	
Mirror	
Letter	
One more You have chosen: (type it in here)	

Choose one of the chapters from this week's reading: "The F-14s", "The Jewels", "The Key", or "The Wine". Answer the questions for your chosen chapter below. (10 points)

Chosen Chapter:

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- 1. Characterization: How has Marjane's characterization evolved from the earlier chapters to these specific chapters? What events or dialogue highlights this evolution? Provide evidence from both the text and images.
- 2. Narrative Structure & Conflict: What connections can you make between these conflicts and previous chapters? How does Satrapi's narrative structure weave these conflicts together?
- **3.** Narrative Voice & Tone: Analyze the narrative voice in these chapters. How does it reflect Marjane's growing awareness or changing perspective? Compare the tone and voice with earlier chapters.
- **4. Visual Storytelling:** Discuss how Satrapi uses visual elements to emphasize themes or characterization in these chapters. Compare/contrast this with visual techniques used in previous chapters.
- **5. Reflect:** Why did you choose this chapter for your focus? Explain.

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## **Part IV: Seminar Preparations**

Prepare answers to the following questions in the table below for a seminar once we have finished the book. (20 pts)

VISUAL STORYTELLING & IDENTITY How does Satrapi's use of visuals, particularly in her depictions of characters and settings, reflect the complexities of identity within Iranian culture? Discuss specific examples of visual choices that reveal both personal and collective identities.	PERSONAL & SOCIETAL REBELLION Themes relating to rebellion are prevalent throughout Persepolis. How do Satrapi's visual representations and textual narratives interact to convey different facets of rebellion, both personal (Marji's) and societal (Iranian Revolution)? How does this artistic combination enhance the reader's understanding?	DUALITY OF CULTURE  Persepolis often depicts the tension between Western and Iranian cultures. How do Satrapi's choices in language and images serve to illustrate this cultural duality? Discuss specific instances where this tension is visually and textually highlighted and what meaning it conveys.	VOICE & PERSPECTIVE Analyze how Satrapi's narrative voice and visual style provide a unique political, social, and personal perspective. How do her authorial choices influence our perception and empathy towards the characters and events in the memoir?

Post Seminar Reflection Notes & Personal Evaluation of Participation		

Be prepared to ENGAGE in a 30-minute seminar. LISTEN to your peers, build on their ideas, and refer to the text. ADD notes to your

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Learner Portfolio Lit Tracker as needed. SHARE the time and try to learn from your peers as well as instruct them. ASK your teacher questions if there are points needed for clarification.

### **Part V: GLOBAL ISSUE PRESENTATION**

**IO Preparation Outline** - 10 points