

The Kite Runner: Reading Questions CHAPTERS 6-9

1. Why do boys in Afghanistan during the winter of 1975 have gashes on their fingers? What is *tar*?

2. In chapter 6, how does Amir feel about Hassan? (Think about his conflicted feelings.) Why does he mean "my life as a ghost"?

3. What is the proudest moment of twelve-year-old Amir's life as described in Chapter 7?

4. What happens to Hassan when he runs the blue kite for Amir? (Assef foreshadowed this earlier in Chapter 5.)

5. Who says, "I opened my mouth and almost said something...The rest of my life might have turned out differently if I had." Why are those words important? What do you think of Amir's behavior?

6. What is the significance of the two memories and dream presented on pages 73-74?

7. Where does the family take a trip to in Chapter 8?

8. What does Amir ask of Baba that makes Baba angry? What does Baba say in response?

9. What is inscribed on the pomegranate tree in the back yard? So, why then is it significant that Amir tries to pick a fight with Hassan in front of that tree? (Think *symbolism*.) What ends up happening? Why is that symbolic?

10. What does Assef give Amir for his birthday? Why is this significant?

11. What does Amir put under Hassan's mattress? Why does he do it? What is your reaction to Amir's betrayal?

12. When Baba confronts Hassan about this, what does Hassan say?

13. What does Baba then do that shocks Amir?

14. What happens to Hassan and Ali?

15. How is the end of chapter nine a turning point in the novel?

Questions at Level 2 or higher

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Possible Symbols

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Motivations

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