This assignment should be typed and saved to your files.
You will upload your assignment to Canvas / Turnitin.com the evening of the first day of school.

Part I: *A Thousand Splendid Suns* (ATSS) by Khaled Hosseini

A. Download a copy of the **Major Works Data Sheet** template and --AS YOU READ-- complete it. The MWDS template and guide to completing the MWDS are available on Leon's website. The writing on this document should be your own work and will be submitted to Turnitin. Be prepared to take an assessment on the novel during the first week of school.

B. **Personal Writing**—Choose ONE of the following topics. Think about the characters in ATSS and compare to people in your life. Write a short (300 word) essay.
   a. In ATSS, there were many types of families. Some families in the book are single mother/child, traditional mother/father/child, polygamy, dysfunctional, blended. Describe the different types of families in the novel, then discuss what makes a good family, in your opinion and experiences.
   b. What makes a good mother, in your opinion? Give examples from your own life. You might discuss the mothers—Nana, Laila, Fariba—and how Mariam learns to mother in the novel.
   c. What makes a good father, in your opinion and experience? Evaluate Rasheed, Jalil, and Babi as fathers. How does their culture affect their parenting?

Part II: Literary Terms to Know

We will have a test on these terms within the first two-three weeks of school. You will need to know definitions and be able to recognize examples. We will not collect definitions or study guides from you.

Good sources to use for studying are:

- https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/subject_specific_writing/writing_in_literature/literary_terms/index.html
- https://edsitement.neh.gov/teachers-guides/literary-glossary-literature-and-language-arts
- https://literaryterms.net/glossary-of-literary-terms/
- https://literarydevices.net/
- https://www.shmoop.com/literature-glossary/

allegory	epistolary	tragic flaw	hyperbole
anaphora	epithet	antagonist	interior monologue
aphorism	hubris	aside	in medias res
apostrophe	litotes	bildungsroman	invocation of the
archetype	malapropism	caricature	muse
asyndeton	meiosis	comic relief	local color
caesura	metonymy	denouement	metaphor
catharsis	motif	dialect	monologue
chiasmus	paradox	dystopia	personification
conceit	satire	flashback	rhythm
deus ex machina	stream of	flat character	simile
doppelganger	consciousness	round character	soliloquy
elision	symbolism	foil	
enjambment	synesthesia	foreshadowing	
epiphany	synecdoche	frame story	