

This assignment should be **typed and saved** to your files. You will be expected to 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. Do not be tempted to use AI. If reading one novel and completing these assignments is too much for you, change your schedule by the end of May.
- 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.
- 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.
 - What makes a good mother, in your opinion? Give examples from your own life. Then discuss the mothers—Nana, Laila, Fariba—and how Mariam learns to mother in the novel.
 - 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. You should define what you do not know well enough to explain to another person.

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
anaphora
aphorism
apostrophe
archetype
asyndeton
caesura
catharsis
chiasmus
conceit
deus ex machina
doppelganger
elision
enjambment
epiphany

epistolary
epithet
hubris
litotes
malapropism
meiosis
metonymy
motif
paradox
satire
stream of
consciousness
symbolism
synesthesia
synecdoche

tragic flaw
antagonist
aside
bildungsroman
caricature
comic relief
denouement
dialect
dystopia
flashback
flat character
round character
foil
foreshadowing

frame
story
hyperbole
interior monologue
in medias res
invocation of the
muse
local color
metaphor
monologue
personification
rhythm
simile
soliloquy