

2021 Summer Reading Assignment for AP[®] Literature and Composition

Read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. This book is readily available at the public library as well as on Amazon and in local book stores. You should bring a copy of the book the first week of class so we can work with it.

Take notes as you read. Pay special attention to the role of **setting** in this novel.

1. How is the setting described? Consider what you learn about Afghan culture and history over the three decades the novel spans.
2. How does the description of **setting** impact **tone**?
3. For what elements of the novel does the setting play a crucial role? Conversely, what themes and relationships between characters transcend time and place?
4. How does setting impact the meaning of the novel as a whole?

*("Meaning of the novel as a whole" is College Board language for **theme**.)*

You will have an in-class assessment the second week of school. The assessment will be open book.