

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://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  
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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