Kite Runner 23-24 Discussion

*Chapter 23*

1. How and why does Hosseini create confusion in the first several pages of this chapter?

2. What is the significance of Amir’s dream of fighting the bear? Why is this important in terms of the primary conflict of the novel?

3. What does Amir mean when he tells Farid that both he and Assef got what they deserved?

4. What does the man wrapped in a brown blanket foreshadow? What is strange about his behavior?

5. How does Rahim Khan’s letter create more guilt for Amir? Why is this important for development of the conflict between Amir and his guilt?

6. What is the importance of Amir’s dream of Assef claiming to be his twin? Why would Hosseini include this dream in the story of Amir’s recovery?

7. What has Rahim Khan really done by telling Amir that the Caldwells will take Sohrab when he knows that no such family exists? Was Rahim Khan right to do this?

*Chapter 24*

1. How is Hassan’s life being repeated in Sohrab? What is significant about Sohrab’s troubles for Amir’s quest to be good again?

2. Why does Hosseini describe the secretary at the American embassy in such detail? What is her significance to story?

3. What is the significance of the secretary telling Amir about Raymond’s daughter’s suicide? What does this detail tell the reader about Raymond? What does it foreshadow?

4. What is significant about the tragic irony displayed in placing Soraya’s phone call and Amir’s terrible discovery back to back at the end of this chapter?