‘The Kite Runner’ Class Essay 26.10.12

Choose a novel in which your admiration for a particular character grows as the plot unfolds.

Explain briefly why your admiration increases and, in more detail, discuss how the writer achieves this.

Your class essay will focus on the character of Amir. You should find quotations that deal with the changing character of Amir

* Focus on the young Amir- what was his character like? What was he driven by? Your feelings towards him?
* Look at his adulthood before he returns to Afghanistan. His troubles, his guilt and his inability to move forward with his life.
* Look at his travels back to Afghanistan. There are key incidents that show Amir changing and our admiration towards him growing.
* Look at the end of the novel and the changes we have seen in Amir compared to the young Amir and the Amir before his return to Afghanistan.

Your changing opinion of him will be an important aspect of your essay. Work this out for each stage of your essay- show how it changes as the plot progresses.

You quotes should be key quotes that deal with

* Symbolism- kites, dreams/nightmares/hare (split) lip.
* Imagery- there are many metaphors and extended metaphors
* Theme- betrayal, redemption, forgiveness, fatherhood
* Setting- contrasts in America-Afghanistan and Old Afghanistan and under Taliban rule.

All of these should be linked to the changing character of Amir.