***The Kite Runner* Non-fiction Assignment**

You are to choose a non-fiction topic related to *The Kite Runner*. You may choose from the following list or choose your own related topic. Using the approved websites or print resources, you are to find a substantial article or articles (minimum 1500-2000 words) and complete the assignment sheet for each article.

**Possible Topics**

The Taliban

Afghanistan Historical Events

Stories from/about people who live in Afghanistan

War on Terror

America’s relationship with the Middle East

Hazara Massacre

Hazara and Pushtun conflict

Education in Afghanistan

Zahir Shah

Class Structure in Afghanistan

Women’s roles/rights in Afghanistan

Technology/Modernization in Afghanistan

Kite running/Kite-fighting tournaments

Afghanistan’s surrounding countries and their relationship

Middle-Eastern stereotypes

Middle-Eastern immigrants to the US

Customs/Practices in Afghanistan

Islam in Afghanistan

How Afghanistan has changed

How people in the war-torn country survive poverty

**Approved Sites**

<http://www.time.com/time/world>

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/30166>

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032507/ns/world_news>

<http://www.slate.com/id/2065896/view/2057069/>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/NewsSearch?st=afghanistan&>

<http://wn.com/mideast>

<http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/>

<http://abcnews.go.com/wn>

Last Name 1

Your Name

My Name

Class Title

Day Month Year

Analysis of Non-Fiction Article

MLA Works Cited Entry Here

1. Factual Summary: Write a short (less than 2 paragraphs) summary of the piece you read.
2. Vocabulary
   1. Which vocabulary words did you encounter in the piece cause you some degree of difficulty?
   2. How did you resolve your lack of understanding these words?
3. Interpretation: What was/were the main point(s) the author wanted you to get from reading his/her work? You may use direct quotes where appropriate.
4. Criticism:
   1. With which points of the article did you agree or find easy to accept? Why?
   2. With which points of the article did you disagree or find difficult to accept? Why?
5. Personal Response: What do you think about this piece? How does/doesn’t the piece influence your ideas? What did you learn as a result of reading this article?