

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA ALUMNAE BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
MAY 2020 – “THE KITE RUNNER” BY KHALED HOSSEINI

1. As the reader, what was the most moving or meaningful moment for you in *The Kite Runner*? Why that moment?
2. What does the title mean? Do you think the kite running was meant to symbolize anything? If so, what?
3. Why do you think Amir acted so hatefully towards Hassan after he saw him sexually assaulted? Why did Hassan still love Amir?
4. What did *The Kite Runner* teach you about Afghanistan? Were you surprised to learn about the racial tension between the Pashtuns and Hazaras in Afghanistan? Can you think of any culture in the world without a history of oppression?
5. What did you like and/or dislike about Baba? How was he different in the U.S. than in Afghanistan? How did learning that Hassan was Baba's son change your understanding of Baba?
6. There are many parallels between Ali and Baba's friendship compared to Hassan and Amir's. What were your thoughts on Ali's story? How do you think he came to accept that Baba had fathered a son with his wife?
7. *The Kite Runner* took a close look at the ritual of marriage in Afghani culture. Were there any aspects of Soraya and Amir's union that surprised you? Do you think Soraya was the right person for Amir?
8. In your opinion, did Amir redeem himself by the end of the story? Why or why not? Do you think redemption is ever truly possible?
9. How do you think the characters fair after the story ends? What do you think happened to Sohrab? Do you think healing is possible for such scarred people?
10. What is your biggest takeaway from reading *The Kite Runner* and why?