***The Kite Runner* – Ch. 1-12 Written Response**

Now that you are halfway through the novel, I would like you to examine a few important themes. Identify an example of each of the following from chapters 1-12. Include a quote in your response, and explain how it furthers the story in a significant way.

1. Culture: importance of cultural traditions; changing/defying culture and/or traditions; cultural identity

2. Morality: redemption; betrayal; forgiveness; guilt; punishment; social status and validation vs. morality and doing what is right

3. Personal Identity: the importance of family bonds; alienation and isolation; friendship; personal responsibility; valor; coming of age