**Assignment 4**

Chapters 10-11

1. What is Karim's job?

*He is a people smuggler. He gets people out of Afghanistan.*

2. To what country do Amir and his father first seek for safety from Afghanistan?

*They head to Pakistan for safety.*

3. What country has a presence in Afghanistan as Amir and his father leave?

*Russian soldiers are in Afghanistan during this time.*

4. At the first checkpoint Amir's father stands up and confronts the Russian soldiers,

putting himself in danger. Why?

*One of the Russian soldiers wants to rape an Afghan woman on the bus.*

5. Where do Amir and his father wait with the others trying to leave Afghanistan as new

truck parts are ordered?

*They wait crammed into a cold, dark basement with rats running around.*

6. Amir listens to his father speak with Kamal's father. What does he say happened to

Kamal?

*Kamal's father explains that Kamal was beaten up and raped by four people and no*

*longer talks at all.*

7. How do Amir and his father travel on the second leg of their trip to safety?

*They are put into an empty fuel tank with several others. There is absolutely no light,*

*the air they breathe is full of gasoline fumes, and they cannot move or get out for quite*

*some time.*

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8. When Amir's father tries to use a check to purchase food, he is shocked that he is asked for

ID. He can't believe the lack of trust in America. Instead of a credit card, what method

did they use in Afghanistan?

*They would snap a tree branch and use it as a credit card. The merchant would make a*

*notch each time something was purchased and at the end of the month they would pay*

*for the number of notches.*

9. How does Amir's father react when he is given food stamps?

*Amir's father returns them and says that he will work for money for food and that he*

*doesn't need charity.*

10. What does Amir do that prompts his father to tell him he is proud of his son?

*When Amir graduates from high school his father tells him he is proud.*

11. Why does Amir's father buy an old Volkswagon bus?

*He buys a bus so they can go to garage sales and load up on cheap stuff to sell for a*

*profit at the flea market.*

12. What does Amir have a hard time forgetting about after leaving the flea market?

*He can't forget a beautiful girl he met, Soraya Taheri.*

**Assignment 5**

Chapters 12-13

1. What harm can come from Amir talking to Soraya without the formal permission and

supervision from her father?

*Everyone would gossip about her and equate her to being "easy" for talking to him.*

2. What does Soraya's mother think of Amir's talking to her daughter without permission?

*She adores Amir and has no problem with them talking to each other. She hopes he will*

*fall for her daughter and be a suitor for her.*

3. What does Soraya want to do with her life?

*She wants to be a teacher even though her mother and father would prefer her to be a*

*doctor or lawyer.*

4. Compare and contrast how Amir and Soraya treated their illiterate servants when they

were young.

*Amir would make fun of Hassan for not knowing what words meant and would play*

*games with him when reading so he would feel dumb. Soraya took great pleasure in*

*teaching her servant to read and write so she could communicate with her sister.*

5. What does General Taheri catch Amir giving to Soraya?

*The General catches Amir giving Soraya one of the short stories he wrote.*

6. What does Amir find out about Baba's health?

*His father has Oat Cell Carcinoma, an advanced and inoperable form of cancer.*

7. What one last request does Amir have for his father after he is released from the

hosptial?

*Amir asks his father to arrange his marriage with Soraya.*

8. What does Soraya confess to Amir?

*She tells him that she has been with another man. She explains that she ran away from*

*home and lived with her boyfriend for a month until her father came and forced her to*

*come home.*

9. Who does Amir wish was present at his wedding? Who does he wonder about at his

wedding?

*Amir wishes Rahim Khan was at his wedding and wonders if Hassan ever married.*

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10. What does Soraya do while Amir is at work when they are first married?

*She takes care of Amir's father day and night. They live with him, and she does the*

*cooking for him and administers his medicine. She also reads to him each day.*

11. What is Soraya's mother not allowed to ever do in public by orders of her husband?

*She is never allowed to sing in public, though she has a very beautiful voice.*

12. What great accomplishment happens in regards to Amir's career?

*He becomes a published author.*

13. What do Amir and Soraya try desperately to do, but are unsuccessful?

*They try very hard to have a child, but after expensive procedures and medications,*

*nothing works.*

**Assignment 6**

Chapters 14-17

1. How does Amir find out Rahim Khan is sick?

*Rahim calls Amir and asks him to come to Pakistan to see him.*

2. What type of lifestyle do the Afghan people live in Pakistan?

*They are very poor. Some open businesses, but they are struggling to stay alive in very*

*crowded areas.*

3. How did Rahim get the scar on his face?

*He was at a soccer game when the man next to him cheered loudly after a goal.*

*Someone patrolling the game thought it was Rahim who made the noise and hit him in*

*the face with his gun.*

4. How did the people of Afghanistan react when the Taliban took control of the country?

*They were happy, they celebrated and danced in the streets because they thought it was*

*an end to the war and their country would once again know peace.*

5. How did Ali die?

*He was killed by a land mine.*

6. What skill did Hassan learn later in life?

*He learned to read and write.*

7. Where do Hassan and his family stay when they move back to Amir's home with

Rahim?

*Hassan insists on living in the small hut and refuses to take a room in the house, even*

*though Rahim pleads with him to do so.*

8. Who shows up at Amir's old house one day in an old blue burqa?

*Hassan's real mother shows up very sick and scarred from abuse. Hassan and his wife*

*take her in and care for her. She eventually becomes part of the family and is very close*

*with her grandson.*

9. How did Hassan's son get his name?

*He was named Sohrab after the boy in Amir and Hassan's favorite childhood story.*

10. What does Rahim give Amir?

*He gives him a photo of Hassan and his son along with a letter from Hassan to Amir.*

11. How did Hassan die?

*There was a rumor that a Hazara was living alone in the big house so the Taliban went*

*to check it out. Hassan explained Rahim owned the house and was away to visit the*

*doctor, but the Taliban did not believe him. They said they were moving in to the house*

*and when Hassan protested they took him to the street and shot him in the head. His*

*wife came out afterwards and was shot too.*

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12. What is Rahim's dying wish?

*He wants Amir to go to Kabul and rescue Hassan's son from the orphanage. He wants*

*Amir to bring him to Pakistan so he can live with an American couple who care for*

*orphaned children.*

13. What shocking news does Rahim tell Amir?

*Rahim explains that Ali was sterile and could not have children. He then alludes to the*

*fact that Amir's father was also Hassan's father. He had gotten Hassan's mother*

*pregnant so Ali could have a child, and they kept it a secret all this time. Amir and*

*Hassan were actually half brothers.*