

## 12th Grade Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

### Summer Reading Assignment

Mr. Jones 😊

Closely read Khaled Hosseini's A Thousand Splendid Suns, and prepare the following report. Your report must be typed and double spaced in a 12-14 pt. font. Avoid all internet sources. I will check them all. Fearless free thinking is the one quality I value most in an A.P. student. However, you must always remember to back up your clever ideas with textual evidence. Here are the parameters for your assignment:

Identify **five symbols** and describe the significance of each in a 3-5 sentence paragraph. Remember that a symbol must start off as something "real" or literal and then slowly take on figurative significance.

Identify **one central symbol** for the entire novel and discuss its significance to the novel as a whole, in two to three well developed paragraphs. Whereas Gatsby's parade of expensive shirts might be symbolic in Fitzgerald's famous novel, most would agree that Daisy's green light is the central symbol of the work.

Discuss **three plausible themes** for the novel. Discuss each theme and its connections to the novel in a 3-5 sentence paragraph. Examples of themes from Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby might be "carelessness" or "broken dreams."

Identify the **five most important scenes** in the novel and discuss the significance of each scene in a 3-5 sentence paragraph. Choose any scenes you want, but remember to back up your choices with textual evidence.

Identify the **five most important quotes** from the novel and discuss their significance in a 3-5 sentence paragraph. Choose any quotes you want as long as you can identify their significance.