

## **Socratic Seminar #1 - The Kite Runner**

**The focus of this week's Socratic Seminar will be to discuss to what extent the characters are governed by cultural codes and to evaluate the benefits of their behavior.**

- Prior to the Socratic Seminar, you should complete the Character Tracking Chart (given today)
- Prior to the Socratic Seminar you should read **Pashtunwali text (given tomorrow)**

**You will share and dialogue about their Character Tracking Charts to establish what is happening in the book.**

*Discuss who follows aspects of the Pashtunwali teachings. Who most closely follows the Pashtunwali Code? How do others benefit? Is anyone harmed? What is the role of women? How are they affected by the Pashtunwali? Select specific quotes from the text to discuss that through the lens of individual behaviors and the larger Society:*

Such as Page 2 Amir remembers Rahim Khan's advice: "There is a way to be good again."

- What are the underlying assumptions in that statement?
- What did Amir do?
- What should he do? Do you agree?
- Would that make him good again? Who decides?
- Is Amir following the teachings of Pashunwali? Is Rahim Khan?

Page 99 Rahim Khan states, "And I'll tell you this, Amir, jan: In the end, the world always wins. That's just the way of things."

- Does this conflict with Rahim's earlier statements? What does the "world winning" look like? What is the role of free will for the characters? Is Amir following the teachings of Pashunwali? Is Rahim Khan?