

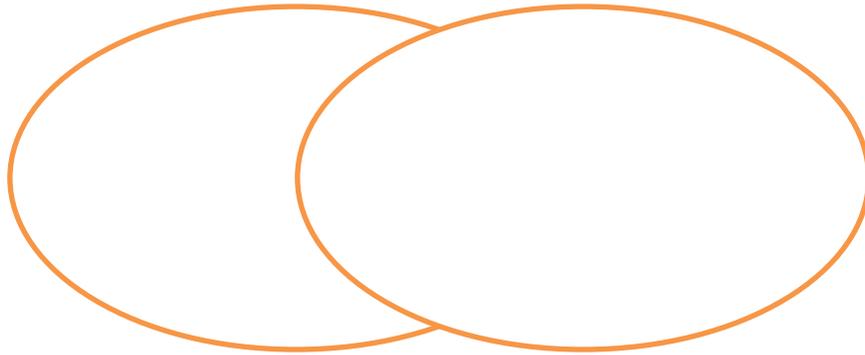
The Kite Runner: Chapter 1-3 Focus Questions

Chapter 1

1. Where and when does the story begin? Where and when does Amir refer to as the moment he “became what I am”?
2. What does Amir say about the past?
3. Identify the speaker and explain the quote’s importance in the story so far:
“*There is a way to be good again*” (2).

Chapter 2

4. Compare and contrast Amir and Hassan. Consider their physical descriptions, backgrounds, personalities, and other notable characterization.



5. Describe Baba and Amir’s relationship with him.
6. Describe Ali.
7. Who’s Sanuabar?
8. Who’s Rahim Khan?
9. What does Amir learn from the book he finds in Baba’s study? (9)
10. Identify the speaker and explain the quote’s importance in the story so far:
“Hassan and I fed from the same breasts . . . And, under the same roof, we spoke our first words. Mine was *Baba*. His was *Amir*. My name” (11).

Chapter 3

11. Identify the speaker and explain the quote’s importance in the story so far:
“With me as the glaring exception, my father molded the world around him to his liking. The problem, of course, was that Baba saw the world in black and white. And he got to decide what was black and what was white. You can’t love a person who lives that way without fearing him too. Maybe even hating him a little” (15).
12. Identify the speaker and explain the quote’s importance in the story so far:
“Now, no matter what the mullah teaches, there is only one sin, only one. And that sin is theft. Every other sin is a variation of theft. Do you understand that?” (17).
13. Identify the speaker and explain the quote’s importance in the story so far:
“Children aren’t coloring books. You don’t get to fill them with your favorite colors” (21).