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The Kite Runner: Themes and Issues Discussion

Instructions: The statements below represent themes or issues related to the novel. Use the codes below to rate each statement. For the justification, supply a personal, historical, social, or literary connection.

R= Refute (disagree; challenge)

S = Support (agree; defend)

Q= Qualify (disagree and agree)

1. _____ Afghanistan, like America, is a melting pot.

Justification: _____

2. _____ *The Kite Runner* portrays Hosseini's belief that the U. S. should not have sent troops to Afghanistan.

Justification: _____

3. _____ The novel is mainly about epic struggles.

Justification: _____

4. _____ Sacrifice cannot bring redemption.

Justification: _____

5. _____ The conflicting emotions of love and hate drive all of the novel's main relationships.

Justification: _____

6. _____ Amir and Hassan are friends.

Justification: _____

7. _____ All true friendships require a loyalty test.

Justification: _____

8. _____ Amir's ultimate betrayal is not protecting Hassan from Assef.

Justification: _____

9. _____ A person can commit an act that is beyond redemption.

Justification: _____

10. _____ A person's childhood, or even his infancy, determines his future.

Justification: _____

11. _____ Hosseini stresses the ideas of free will and personal choice.

Justification: _____

12. _____ Children reap what their parents sow.

Justification: _____

13. _____ It is better to read a book about a specific culture written by an indigenous author rather than one written from an outsider's perspective.

Justification: _____

14. _____ The U.S. had an obligation to help Afghanistan after the Russians fled.

Justification: _____

15. _____ All people have consciences.

Justification: _____

16. _____ Most religions promote violence.

Justification: _____

17. _____ Hosseini's choice of Amir as the narrator over Hassan has a positive effect on the novel.

Justification: _____

18. _____ Discrimination is part of human nature and will always exist.

Justification: _____

