

***The Kite Runner* – Vocabulary List**

Chapters 1-4: pp.1-30 Affluent, tapestries, chandelier, vaulted, congenital, perpetually, skeptic, scoffed, virtuous, intricacies, exhilarating, liability, melee, jostled, vehemently, revving, nemesis, obstinacy, irony

Chapters 5-7: pp.30-69 Monarchy, unwittingly, harassing, trepidation, lorries, foyer, integrity, squabbling, gnarled, imminent, demise

Chapters 8-10: pp. 70-108 Lumbering, insomniac, embodiment, bazaar, drone, shrouded, withered, stench

Chapters 11-12: pp. 109-144 Cretin, permeate, cardamom, tarpaulin, suitor, carcinoma, palliative, metastasized, chastise

Chapters 13-16: pp. 145-187 Posh, ensuing, incessant, chuff, presumptuous

Chapters 17-21; pp. 188-238 Wary, oblivion, dismissive, snickered, burlap, relic, obliges, haphazardly, hunkered

Chapters 22-23: Tote, morbidly, calloused, hemorrhage, paunchy

Chapters 24-25: Irrevocably, teeming, turmoil, insomniac, epiphany, eccentric

The Kite Runner, Characters List

Character	Description	Page First Mentioned
Amir	Narrator, a Pashtun, Sunni	1
Baba	Amir's father	1
Hassan	Amir's playmate, servant, a Hazara, Shi'a	1
Rahim Khan	Baba's best friend; special person to Amir	1
Ali	Hassan's father	2
Nadir Shah, King	In a picture taken in 1931 w/Amir's grandfather	5
Fatiullah Khan, Mullah	Amir's teacher, fundamentalist Muslim	15
Rostam, Sohrab, Rakhsh	From Afghan story of warriors of old	29
Assef	Mean-spirited boy	38
Daoud Khan	President of Afghanistan in 1970's	39
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Kumar, Dr.	Hassan's plastic surgeon	45
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