

Selecting Powerful Visual Aids for your Exit Assignment:

A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words



This assignment addresses the following Essential Questions for this Literature and Composition Novel Unit on *The Kite Runner*:

- *How do images and graphics about Afghanistan and Afghan culture contribute to our engagement with the novel? Do you think it's important to have these elements alongside text when learning about a foreign culture or a topic that you have very little knowledge about? Why or why not?*
- *What do visual elements contribute to storytelling? How do these elements add to the narrative? Do they ever detract from the story? If so, in what ways?*
- *What concepts and guiding principles are most important in selecting powerful visual aids to augment a text piece?*

- For this assignment, you will select an image that you feel conveys a powerful message about Afghanistan or the emigrant experience. Create a Google slide for this image to share with the class. BE SURE TO CITE YOUR EXAMPLE (on a second slide or as a caption).

Topic ideas:

** Afghanistan (Geography or History) * Hazaras * Taliban * Women in Afghanistan
* War and Relocation * Afghan people and culture * Kite fighting*

** Moving to America (the emigrant experience) * Friendship and Loyalty
* Being Haunted By the Past * Starting over*

****RESEARCH YOUR IMAGE TO DISCOVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOPIC****

- On a notecard, create 3-5 talking points about this slide. For example,
 - o *Why did you select this image?*
 - o *What is powerful (or difficult or inspiring, etc.) about this?*
 - o *How does it connect to the novel?*
 - o *Did you uncover anything particularly interesting about this image in your research?*

Assignment Parameters:

- Be prepared to share your slide with the class (share with Mrs. H. and you will present this to the rest of the class).
- Be prepared to explain how and why YOU think this is an important image about Afghan culture and people. You will be asked how this connects to the novel and why you chose this particular image.

****Note:** This assignment will be used as one of your final project elements for your Kite Runner Exit Assignment (The Multigenre Portfolio), so I recommend spending the time and effort on brainstorming, drafting, and revising this piece. Don't be afraid to get (and incorporate!) feedback! Please note the grade equivalency chart in the Multigenre Portfolio to see how your project's grade here will be incorporated into your final project.

Visual Aid (Google Slide) Rubric

<i>Visual Element</i>	<i>Explanation and Connection</i>	<i>Connection to Novel</i>	<i>Verbal Presentation</i>
<p>2 pts.:</p> <p>Visually appealing or powerful image chosen</p>	<p>2 pts:</p> <p>3-5 talking points are included to clearly describe and/or explain the image</p>	<p>2 pts.:</p> <p>Connection to the novel is clearly stated and explained</p>	<p>2 pts.:</p> <p>Presentation of the slide was loud and clear enough for the entire class to hear.</p>
<p>1 pt.:</p> <p>Image choice was not clear or a poor example</p>	<p>1 pt.:</p> <p>1-2 talking points given to describe and/or explain the image</p>	<p>1 pt.:</p> <p>Connection to the novel is not clear.</p>	<p>1 pt.:</p> <p>Presentation was given, but needed some work (volume, style, etc.).</p>
<p>0 pt.:</p> <p>No image was chosen</p>	<p>0 pt.:</p> <p>No previous thought or planning on the talking points is evident</p>	<p>0 pt.:</p> <p>No connection was given</p>	<p>0 pt.:</p> <p>Slide was not presented</p>