

The Kite Runner

Khaled Hosseini

01 Background information on the author

- Khaled was born in Kabul, Afghanistan on March 4, 1965.
- He is an Afghan-American novelist, physician, activist, humanitarian, and UNHCR goodwill ambassador.
- Khaled has written around 46 books with very good ratings on each.
- Khaled is the oldest of five children. His mother is a highschool teacher and his father is a diplomat for the Afghan Foreign Ministry.
- He began writing The Kite Runner because he was inspired by hearing about the Taliban and how they had banned kites in Afghanistan.



Who is the Taliban? What was life like under their rule?

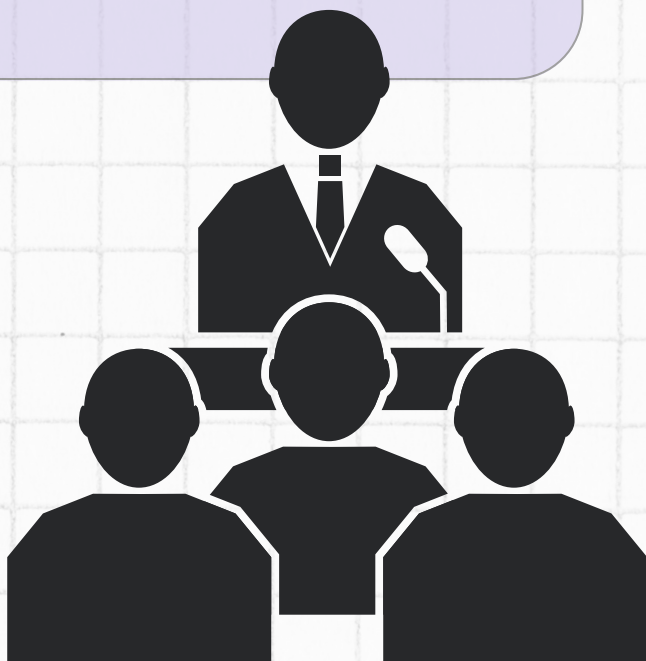
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- They are a predominantly Pashtun, Islamic fundamentalist group, who returned to power in 2021
- Under the Taliban, women were stripped of their dignity and were unable to help support their families
- women's restrictions were harsh, with lack of education, fundamental rights, etc.

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03 What was life like in Afghanistan prior to the Soviet invasion?

- It was a monarchy
- In 1965, the Afghan Communist Party was formed in secret with Babrak Karmal and Nur Mohammad Taraki as their figureheads.
- In 1973 Khan overthrew his cousin, the King, Shah during a military coup.
- The Peoples Democratic Party Of Afghanistan is put into power, with Khan abolishing the monarchy.
- Khan names himself president, and the Republic of Afghanistan is determined.
- Close ties are made with USSR.
- Khan presents a constitution where women are granted rights
- Khan throws non-supporters out of government
- In 1978 Khan is killed by a communist coup.



Why is it difficult for immigrants to live in a new country?

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- Communication Barriers
- Little Job Opportunities
- Hard to find Housing
- Lack of Access to Medications, etc.
- Lack of Transportation Options
- Cultural Differences
- Raising Children in a different environment
- Discrimination

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What are the challenges that new immigrants face in their new country?

- language barrier
- lack of employment opportunity
- hard to access medical services / expensive cost
- transportation issues
- prejudice



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