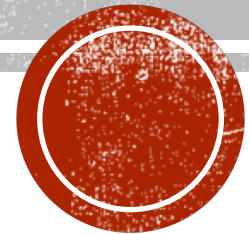


THE KITE RUNNER BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

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TALIBAN IN AFGHANISTAN (WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE FOR THE PEOPLE UNDER THE TALIBAN REGIME?)

- Women could not go out without a male escort
- There were curfews
- Learning was banned
- Women could not work
- No kite flying, no shaving beards, no music
- Women were forced to wear a burqa (a fabric/cover women would wear to cover themselves head to toe)
- People were severely punished if they did not follow those rules
- All afghan media, news, art and entertainment were banned
- Men couldn't wear western style clothing



SOVIET OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN:

▪ 1979 – 1989

- The prime minister of Afghanistan who was Hafiz Ullah Amin tried to implement more western traditions into Afghan people. The strict Muslims opposed that idea and created a group called the Mujahideen.
- The Mujahideen were against the communist government who was supported by USSR. Later on the USSR killed Amin and replaced him with Babak Kamal (who was in power due to the support of USSR)
- The USSR entered neighboring Afghanistan in 1979, attempting to shore up the newly-established pro-Soviet regime in Kabul.
- The purpose of the USSR was to expand their territories and gain the advantageous geographical place, which is Afghanistan.
- The mujahideen groups were fighting against USSR. The Mujahideen were backed primarily by the United States, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan, making it a Cold War proxy war.
- The soviets eventually decided to stop as their economy wasn't doing very well and because they weren't as well experienced with the mountainous location and climate.



SOVIET OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN (WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE BEFORE AND AFTER THE INVASION?)

- Before:
- Women has the right to work and get education
- There are boys and girl scouts
- The society is on a path toward a more open, prosperous society
- Relatively prosperous, high fertility
- retained its traditional dress and style
- Kids were able to grow in a safe environment, unafraid of extremist influence
- After:
- Millions of Afghans had to seek refuge in neighboring countries
- Many didn't have a home and dies of starvation
- Homes, agriculture and everything was left in ruins
- Mines were still a hazard even after the invasion
- Became one of the poorest nations in the world
- Destroyed a lot of the infrastructure



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