Possible Research Topics: *The Kite Runner*

1. Education in Afghanistan (1980-2001)

2. Treatment of women in Afghanistan before and during Taliban rule

3. Taliban rule in Afghanistan (This may be too big. It can be broken down to such topics as: law and punishment, restrictions, worship practices)

4. Sunni Muslims

5. Shi’a Muslims

6. The Koran (or Qur-‘an)

7. Pashtun tribe in Afghanistan

8. Hazara tribe in Afghanistan

9. Monarchy in Afghanistan before the war with Russia

10. Russian invasion (late 1970’s)

11. Kite Flying Tournaments in Afghanistan – do NOT work with the other student who has this topic

12. Buzkashi (national “sport”)

13. Afghani food

14. Geography of Afghanistan

15. Marriage customs in Afghanistan culture (courtship, engagement, marriage)

16. The arts in Afghanistan (music, media, film – can go in depth of one, two, or all three)

17. Spoken languages

18. Afghani Literature

19. Social Customs

20. Economy

21. Fundamentalism

22. Current Affairs

23. Kite Flying Tournaments in Afghanistan – do NOT work with the other student who has this topic.

24. The Mosque

25. Family structure (not marriage customs)