**Kite Runner Major Characters**

**Amir**
- main character and narrator
- Best friend of Hassan, son of Baba, husband of Soraya
- Makes a decision as a child which haunts him in adulthood
- Half brother of Hassan (both Baba's progeny)
- Adoptive father of Sohrab

**Hassan**
- Best friend and servant of Amir
- Thought to be the son of Ali, but it is revealed in chapter 17 he is actually Baba's son
- Loyal to Amir despite any impact it may have on himself
- Sohrab's father
- Was raped as a teen, Amir witnessed. This is one of the most important parts of the novel
- Dies because of a Taliban search. Killed in a back ally along with his wife

**Baba**
- Father of Amir (and Hassan)
- Wealthy citizen of Kabul who is known for his public works
- Has a strained relationship with his son, Amir
- Respected by citizens of Kabul
- Dies of lung cancer

**Ali**
- Servant of Baba, supposed father of Hassan
- Like a brother to Baba
- Leg crippled from Polio
- Poor
- Dies from a landmine explosion
- Hazara
- He can not have kids because of the Polio (Which Amir Learns Later)

**Rahim Khan**
- Business associate and close friend of Baba
- Has a close relationship with Amir
- Also the main reason Amir returns back to the Middle East
Assef

- Antagonist
- Neighborhood bully who hates Hassan because he is of Hazara descent.
- Firm believer in the ways of Adolf Hitler.
- Future leader of Taliban
- Takes Sohrab from orphanage in Kabul

Soraya

- Afghan living in California
- Wife of Amir

Sohrab

- Orphan son of Hassan
- Enslaved and abused by Assef
- Rescued and adopted by Amir
- Amir’s half-nephew
- Suffers from depression, and attempts suicide by cutting his wrist