

**HOPATCONG HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH I HONORS: MRS. KENNY
SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2017**

The summer assignment will explore our unit of study addressing violence against women as it relates to a study of the Middle East, specifically Afghanistan. The students will read the novel *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. After reading the novel, students will enhance their understanding of violence against women through a two prong project.

Part One of the assignment involves a literary response after reading *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. Students will select a quotation, passage or excerpt from the book with which they will make a personal connection. Students must get comfortable with the passage, as they must take ownership of it for this aspect of the project. Demonstrate your connection with this quote through the use of photos, pictures, words and phrases. Locate a poem that supports the underlining message you are promoting. Write a final stanza to the poem including a character from the book, such as Miriam or Laila. Your original stanza must be true to the character as developed in *A Thousand Splendid Suns*.

Students will present their quotation/passage/excerpt by means of a 22 x 14 poster which must include:

- A clear display of selected quotation
- The related photographs, words and phrases
- Selected poem including YOUR final stanza

The students will format and enhance their poster in whatever creative/emotional fashion they wish. They must be mindful of the specifications of size and the three components necessary (listed above) to complete this aspect of the project.

Part Two of the assignment will be our own version of “The Clothesline Project.” As a vehicle to express your emotional support of women affected by violence, you are to creatively decorate a t-shirt (any color) which you will provide. It is an opportunity for you to express your overall feelings regarding this world wide problem which affects so many people.

**Please bring your summer assignment to school on the first day.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!!

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