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**Afghan Star Character Analysis**

Middle Eastern Literature

Directions: The purpose of this activity is to understand the people in Afghan Star. You will analyze and synthesize what the characters from the story say, do, hear, and think. Track the characters thoroughly, writing about two of their actions that are significant. (Worth 25 Points)

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| **Character** | **Description of their action**  **(What they say, do, hear, or think)** | **What you think their actions mean** |
| Setara Husseinzada | 1.  2.  3. |  |
| Lima Sahar | 1.  2.  3. |  |
| Rafi Naabzada | 1.  2.  3. |  |
| Habib Amiri | 1.  2.  3. |  |
| Hameed Sakhizada | 1.  2.  3. |  |

**Afghan Star Character Email/Texts/Twitter Rant Argumentative Assignment**

Directions: Type an email, screenshot texts, or post a Twitter rant between two people in the documentary “Afghan Star.” Argue for or against their actions (what they did, said, didn’t do, etc.) in the documentary from another person’s point of view who is also in the documentary. You can choose whoever you would like, but be creative. Make sure that the person you choose to write to is clear and the point of view you write from is also clear. Make sure that you structure your conversation using the order and format of argumentation, focusing on using examples and solid explanation to argue your point. **Extra credit if you can make your assignment look like a legitimate email, text conversation, or subtweet.** Example:

**Setara’s Father Texts Setara**

Setara’s Father: Your mother and I watched “Afghan Star” last night. I’m disappointed.

Setara: I’m sorry, Father. I was just following my heart and I felt like dancing. I didn’t know that my dancing would make so many people angry.

Setara’s Father: You’ve endangered our family. You’ve danced without your veil in front of millions of Pashtuns, Tajiks, and Uzbeks. These things you’ve done are against our religion. There are people in Herat who’ve vowed to kill you.

Setara: I understand I made a huge mistake, but our people are no longer under Taliban rule. The Taliban changed our religion and made it so that we couldn’t dance. When I danced, I was not dishonoring Allah; I was showing our people the antiquated Talib ways.

Setara’s Father: You are wrong. Our religion preaches humility and selflessness. You exhibited vanity and immodesty.

Setara: If self-expression is considered vanity and beauty is considered immodest; then, I agree. But you know me. I’m not that way. I just believe in a different future than you. Times change, Father.

Note: Before you write your review of the documentary, determine the order of the argument. Using the list below, decide how you should best order the assignment by rewriting the order below in the “correct” places. After we discuss the order, make any changes you need to in order to write your review correctly. Also, write how many sentences each should take in the margin.

Reason #3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Overall Counterclaim

Explanation #2

Emphatic Conclusion

Thesis

Example #1

Explanation #3

Example #2

Introduction

Reason #1

Counterclaim #2

Reason #2

Hook

Counterclaim #1

Counterclaim #3

Example #3

Invitation

Final Counterclaim

Explanation #1

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