The enigmatic country of Afghanistan is where a majority of our novel takes place. For you to better understand the novel, you will be researching one of the topics below.

After picking your topic, you will be given the opportunity of two days of in-school research. The remainder of your work will need to be done outside of class. For the sake of avoiding redundancy, only two presentations of the same topic will be allowed in each class, which means you’ll need to notify me ahead of time about your topic. This project will be divided into two parts: a research paper and a class presentation.

**Part 1: Research Paper (75 points)**

Before we spend time researching in class as a group you must create a research question. Your research question should be a specific question that you would like to investigate about your topic. For example, instead of simply researching art and culture, a potential question to guide your research might be: How has art in Afghanistan changed over time?

After completing your research in class you and your group members will need to work together to write one 5-7 page paper that responds to your research question in depth, and explains what you have learned about your topic. Your group as a whole will be responsible for the introduction and conclusion, but as individuals each group member will be responsible for a section of the paper devoted to specific information about the overall topic. We will spend time on drafting and organizing your paper in class, but you will also need to work outside of class to complete your rough draft.

**Part 2: Class Presentation (25 points)**

Your task will be to “teach” the class about your topic, since most of your classmates have virtually no idea about these aspects of Afghan life. The use of technology is highly recommended. Be creative with your methods of “teaching” your “lesson” to the class. **The length of your presentation must be 8 minutes.** In addition to the actual presentation, you must be ready to answer questions from your classmates.

A typed, **MLA style** works cited page will be required when presenting your research to the class (this can be taken directly from your paper). To successfully complete this aspect of the assignment, you must include at least four sources. You may use Easybib for help generating your citations.

You will be scored on your thoroughness of research, creativity of delivery, professionalism, and your MLA works cited page. If you are not present and ready to present on your assigned day, you will not be allowed to present another day. As always, feel free to ask questions in class, or via e-mail. Best of luck.
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