

Crazy Intro Paragraph: hook + summary + thesis

Question Topic: In Khaled Hossieni's fictional novel, *The Kite Runner*, how does the author demonstrate that an individual's **identity** is shaped by his **perception of others**?

An individual's identity is very complicated and is the result of biology, past experiences, and family and friends. Even though all

Hook: Take one element of the Question Topic, (i.e., **identity**) and discuss it in general terms.

individuals are born with certain personality traits, these will change as they mature and go

Narrowing: From the 2nd to 4th sentences, you continue "milking" the topic in the first sentence and "narrowing" the topic to slowly introduce other elements of the Question Topic.

through life. Also, an individual's **personality** affects his or her actions, their lifestyle, and interests. Therefore, if a young child were to witness a terrible act or carry out a thoughtless deed against someone, the memories of these events will haunt that child and will

affect the child's **relationships** with others and his or her approach of the world. **Throughout**

Khaled Hossieni's fictional novel, The Kite Runner, Amir's identity is shaped by the fear of

how others will judge him. For years, the protagonist struggles with the guilt of knowing how his

good friend was hurt and that he did nothing to help him but instead

compounds the bad situation for Hassan by lying about him. Also, out of

the fear of being judged for his cowardly inaction, Amir's identity is

such that he becomes a fearful person, because of guilt

and prefers to hide away from his past and the mistakes

of his past. Finally, Amir's character is redeemed when he takes responsibility

for his past mistakes and overcomes his fears for the sake of helping his orphaned nephew. In

other words, Hossieni demonstrates that the character or personality of an

individual is altered to be more cruel and more fearful

because of his awareness that others may judge his

actions.

Pillars, Blue-print or Supporting Evidence: Different names are used for this **green section**. But this section summarizes your essay and prepares the reader for your **thesis (in blue)** and this section also proves and provides evidence for the thesis.

For years, Also, Finally:
This is a possible way to introduce and summarize your three (3) Body Paragraphs.

Thesis Statement: Notice that the thesis repeats all the elements of the Question Topic and then adds the answer. In this thesis, "others may judge his actions" is the added