The required reading for this year is Khaled Hosseini’s *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. It is imperative that this novel be thoroughly and thoughtfully annotated; you will be required to bring your annotated copies to class during the opening days of school. We will begin the year with this text and engage in close reading assignments. Since all assignments are based on “open-book” concepts, annotating is a key component to this course. Remember, not all comments and questions need to be lengthy. Talk to the text. You may want to go a step further and keep a log in which you react to events as they transpire from chapter to chapter. This would assist you with forthcoming assignments. Enjoy the summer and enjoy the novel!