

The Swallows of Kabul

Reading Note sheets

Chapter 1 pages 5-15

Complete the diagram below about information regarding these four characters as revealed and explained in this chapter.

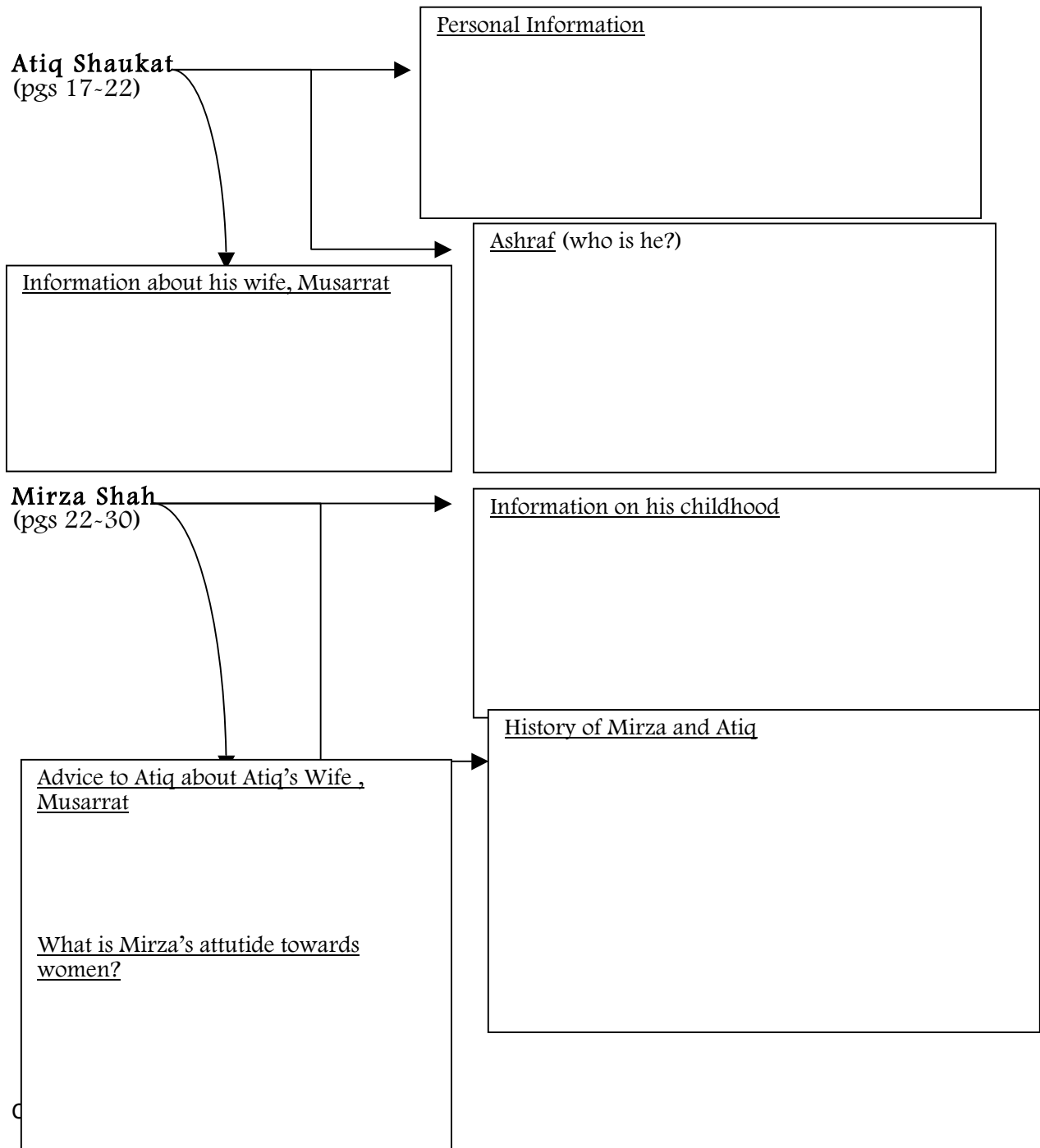
Character	Details of Actions, Description
Atiq Shaukat	
Qassim Abdul Jabbar	
Female prisoner (a prostitute)	
Mohsen Ramat	

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Chapter 2 pages 17-30

Complete the diagram below about information regarding these two characters as revealed and explained in this chapter.



Chapter 3 pages 31-38

In this chapter we are introduced to another couple who lives in Kabul who do not know of Atiq and his wife. Complete the diagram below about information regarding this couple as revealed and explained in this chapter. Some of the information for the categories is the same for both characters, so just write down the information and draw an arrow if applies to spouse. Some of the information you have to infer (conclude based on what you read).

	Moshen Ramat	Zunaira Ramat
Physical Description		
Home Description		
Changes due to Taliban in Kabul		
Attitude Towards Spouse		

Chapter 4 pages 39-60

Answer the questions below for this chapter as you read.

<p><u>Right There Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. When Atiq goes to the mosque, what does the mosque look and feel like?2. What is Atiq's attitude towards the men who are there? Why does he feel this way?3. How did Atiq meet his wife?4. When Atiq returns home, what condition does he find his house in?	<p><u>Think and Search Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. What does Atiq think about throughout this chapter?6. Who are the disabled veterans? (Describe the individual in the group) What do they talk about? Which story is the most significant? Why?7. What does Atiq and his wife discuss?8. What happens when Mohsen Ramat returns home? Why does he respond the way he does?
	<p><u>On My Own Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Thinking about Atiq and his wife's relationship, what can you conclude about their marriage? Is it happy, sad, what? Why? Is this due to the Taliban being in Kabul? Why or why not? How do surroundings influence others? Explain.

Author and You Questions

9. Why do you think the author includes the disabled veterans in this chapter? What understanding to you gain about life in Kabul? Why?

Chapter 5 pages 61-70

Complete the venn diagram and answer the questions below as you read this chapter. Focus on information about Atiq and his friend, Nazeesh, who meet and talk at Atiq's work (the jailhouse). You may need to refer to information from previous chapters to help you.

Atiq

Nazeesh

Physical Information

Why isn't he comfortable at home?

Information on their friendship

Why isn't he comfortable at home?

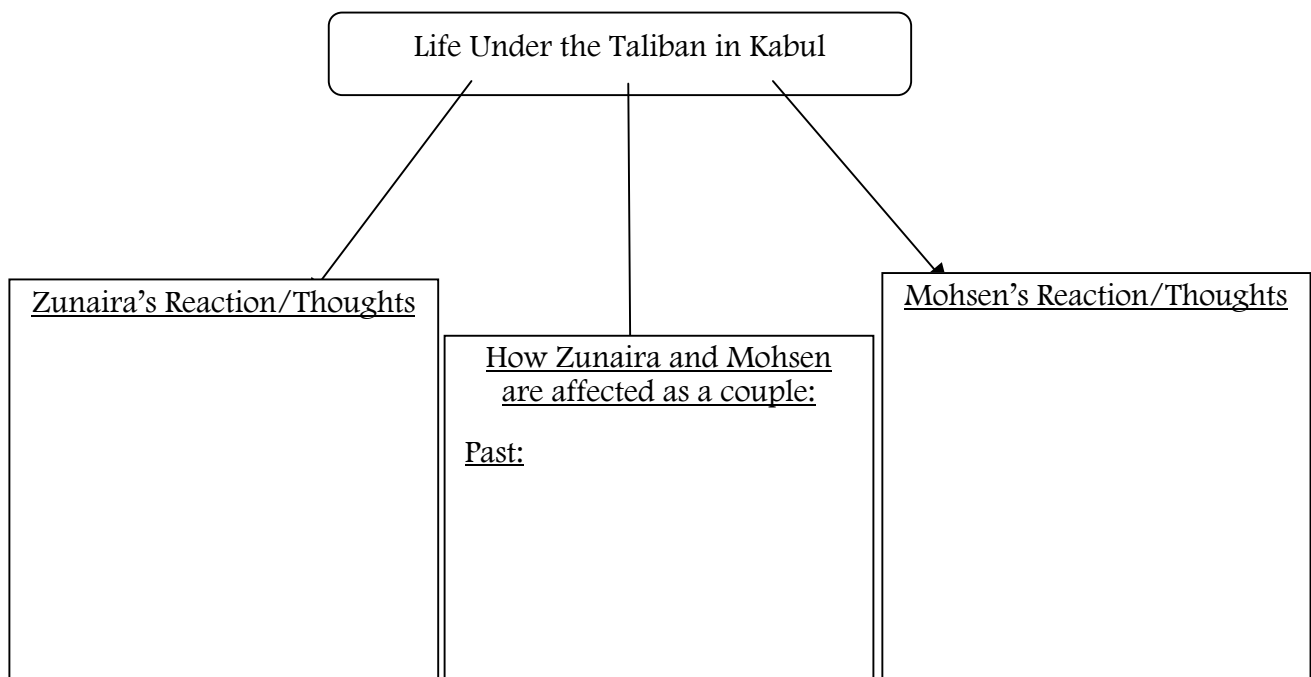
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As a result of their conversation, what does Nazeesh plan to do about his situation at home?
What does Atiq plan to do about his situation at home?

Chapter 6 pages 71-79

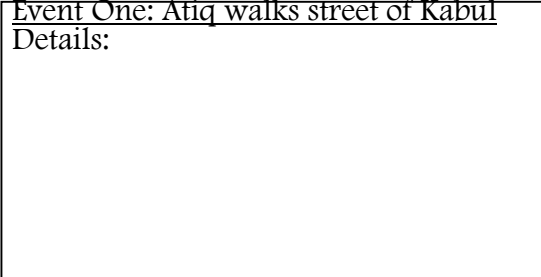
Complete the chart below as you read this chapter focusing on how the life in Kabul under Taliban rule has affected this couple – as individuals and as a pair. You may need to refer to information from previous chapters to help you.




Chapters 7 and 8 pages 81-91, 93-102

Complete the plot event map below as you read these chapters focusing on a day in Atiq's life and a moment in Mohsen and Zunaira's life.

Event One: Atiq walks street of Kabul
Details:



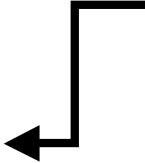
Event Two: Atiq talks to Nazeesh
Details:



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Event Three: Atiq reflects about how he has behaved towards Musarrat and as a result of her illness
 Details:



Event Four: Mohsen and Zunaira go out for a walk in Kabul
 Details



Event Five: Sermon (given by Mullah Bashir) Mohsen is forced to hear
 Details: (including Zunaira's and Mohsen's reactions to the sermon)
 (all chapter 8)

Chapter 9 pages 103-122

Complete the two column chart below and answer the questions as you read this chapter.

Plot Event	Details
Quassim Abdul Jabbar returns to Kabul Created by K. Praser kpraser@att.net	Why is he returning? What is he doing? Who do they pass and what are these people doing?

Quassim meets Atiq at Khorsan's (a restaurant)

What story does Quassim tell Atiq? Why?

Atiq's reflection of Musarrat

How old is she?

What is her day like?

Atiq returns home

Where is Musarrat? What is Atiq's reaction?

Chapter 10 pages 123-134

This chapter has the climax of the story, so be sure to pay attention to what happens between Mohsen and Zunaira. Complete the two column chart below focusing on specific thoughts, actions, statements made, and details given to fully understand the plot events from this chapter.

Details of Mohsen's Actions/Thoughts

Details of Zunaira's Actions/Thoughts

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Chapter 11 pages 135-141

Answer the questions below to help you understand the plot advancement in this chapter.

1. What is the situation in Kabul?

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2. What are Atiq's thoughts on Nazeesh's departure? Why?

3. Who is Qaab? What happened to him? Does Atiq remember him? Why or why not?

4. Who is the new prisoner? What is going to happen to her? When? Why is she there?

5. What advice does Qassim give to Atiq? Why? Infer Atiq's reaction.

Chapter 12 pages 143-152

As you read this chapter, focus on the plot events surrounding Atiq's reaction to Zunaira being a prisoner in his jail.

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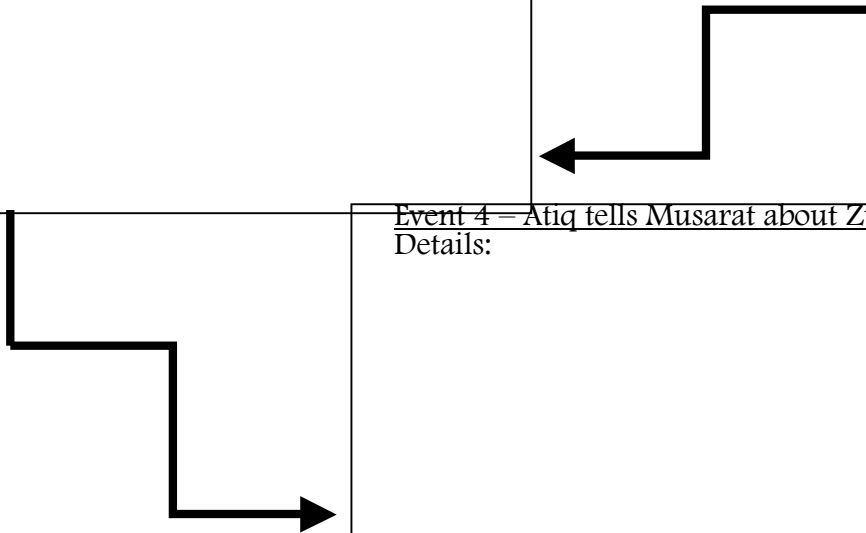
Event 1 – Atiq watching Zunaira at jail
Details:

Event 2 – Atiq at home
Details:



Event 3 – Atiq back at jail
Details:

Event 4 – Atiq tells Musarat about Zunaira
Details:



To continue to explain Atiq's fascination with Zunaira being a prisoner in his jail, read this chapter carefully identifying, analyzing, and inferring details. Complete the chart below to help you fully understand this chapter; develop one plot event (a summary of events) per each set of pages (note in your book, there are breaks in the pages).

Page #	Plot Event	Details	Inference
153-155	Zuniara eats; Her and Atiq talk		
155-157			
157-161			
161-164			

Chapter 14 pages 165-176

To finish this novel, you are going to focus on writing details based on Atiq's, Mussarat's, and Zuniara's actions, thoughts, comments, and reactions to Zuniara's upcoming execution.

Atiq	Mussarat	Zuniara

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