


Read the *Everything Sad is Untrue* by Daniel Nayeri
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This award-winning autobiographical novel tells the story of Daniel, a middle-school aged Iranian boy, and of his family's history, going back for centuries. The stories focus on how Khosrou, whom everyone calls Daniel, along with his family, became refugees, starting with his mother's vocal embrace of Christianity, in a country that made such a thing a capital offense.

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Please do not use an audio-recording, movie, or a summary of the book as a substitute for reading. Do not wait until the last minute to complete this assignment.

CATEGORY 1 30 points each – choose 1	CATEGORY 2 15 points each – choose 1	CATEGORY 3 15 points each – choose 2
Explain how you would make your book into a movie. Consider casting, setting, important scenes, etc. (1 page minimum)	Pretend you are the author. Describe the parts of the book that were the hardest to write AND the ones that were the most fun to write. Explain why. (3-5 paragraphs)	Discuss how a main character is like or unlike a person you know. (3-5 paragraphs)
Find 3 songs that relate to your book. Print the lyrics and explain the relationships between each song and the book. (1 paragraph per song)	Explain how a character changed from the beginning to the end of the book. (3-5 paragraphs)	Tell a story about your family that was told to you by a family member. (3-5 paragraphs)
Write a short story in which you imagine Daniel and one or more students in his class on the first day of school following the end of the book. (1 page minimum)	What problems did the major characters have, and how were they resolved? (3-5 paragraphs)	Create and illustrate a timeline sequencing the main events of the book.
Draw a map of the Middle East (do not print a map). Label locations mentioned in the book and describe at least one event for each location.)		(Category 2 or 3) Create an A-Z word list of vocabulary words. One word for each letter. Decorate each card. (See example on the left)

If you choose the vocabulary words for one assignment, you must also select a second 15 point assignment.

All work is due on the first day of class.