

2018

**Summer Reading & Writing Assignment: 9th Grade**  
***The Complete Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi\***

*The Complete Persepolis*, Marjane Satrapi (Pantheon) ISBN 13: 978-0375714832

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Below is your summer writing assignment for the book *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi. This is a memoir in the form of a graphic novel about a girl growing up in Iran during the Revolution of 1979 and the extremist regime that took charge after. It follows her through childhood into her young adult years when her parents, fearing for her safety, send her to live in Europe.

**Due: Wednesday, August 29 (1st day of classes)**

We will begin discussing it right away. We will also begin working on a creative writing project relating to *Persepolis* as soon as we return, so please make sure you have read it, completed the written work, and are ready to discuss it as soon as you arrive at Idyllwild Arts Academy.

If you have any questions over the summer feel free to email me at [mgray@idyllwildarts.org](mailto:mgray@idyllwildarts.org)

Enjoy the book!

On a separate piece of paper (typed if possible), please write a short, thoughtful paragraph for each of the following questions. Make sure to include a topic sentence, and to end with a concluding sentence.

- 1) Without researching the country, what do you know about Iran and its people?  
("I don't really know anything" is not a valid answer. Please write anything you think you know, even if they are stereotypes, as this will be helpful for discussion.)
- 2) Pick a member of Marjane's family that you find memorable. What about this character do you like or dislike? What is the influence this character has on Marjane's life? Please list the page numbers on which you find this information.
- 3) What is the role of education in Marjane's life? Please discuss at least two ideas.
- 4) Why do the Iranian people risk jail and even their lives to buy American pop music and posters? What influence does American culture have?
- 5) Why did the author decide to tell her story as a graphic novel? Why not write a traditional memoir? (A novel-like text that might include a small selection of photos.)

\*Make sure that you purchase THE COMPLETE *Persepolis*, there is also an abridged version of the book that contains just the first half of the book, do not purchase the shortened version. The Amazon link for the correct version is:

[https://www.amazon.com/Complete-Persepolis-Marjane-Satrap/dp/0375714839/ref=sr\\_1\\_sc\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493404178&sr=8-1-spell&keywords=the+completepersepolis](https://www.amazon.com/Complete-Persepolis-Marjane-Satrap/dp/0375714839/ref=sr_1_sc_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1493404178&sr=8-1-spell&keywords=the+completepersepolis)