

Pre-reading Prompt #1

Film producers and literary agents have just approached you to make a story of your life. If you could only have one, would you choose a book or a film about your life? Why? (A biography would most likely be anywhere from 200 to 400 pages, and a film would be an average of two hours).

Pre-reading Prompt #2

What do you know about Iran today? How do you think a teenager in Iran lives (likes, dislikes, activities, hobbies, etc.)? What are your sources for this information (books, online, television, news sources, people, etc.)?

Pre-reading Prompt #3, part 1

Explore your family history. What major events in world history did your parents, grandparents or aunts/uncles live through? Ask them what they experienced or how they felt about these events. Copy their answers, and write a reflection about how you think you would react to these events if they happened today.

Pre-reading Prompt #3, part 2

Think of a major political or cultural event or way of living that you have experienced in your life (age 10 and older). How did you respond to this event? What is life like now that the event has passed, or is it still having an affect on your way of life? How would you tell your children or grandchildren about this event?

Pre-reading Prompt #4

How much of your parents beliefs match your own? What other people or ideas have influenced your morals or belief system?