

## ***Haroun and the Sea of Stories* Reading Notes**

### Chapters 1-2

**Introduction** While reading *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*, we will pause to make some observations. These observations are intended to improve your ability to see and interpret key ideas and events in the story. Write your responses to these questions on a separate sheet of paper *as you read*. It's fine to type your responses in a Google document titled "Reading Notes" and share with me, if you prefer. Responses to each question should be thorough, not just a few words or a single sentence.

1. Generate a list of *five* words that describe Rashid. After making the list, choose one word you think best describes him, then explain why, using examples from the text to support and illustrate your idea.
2. Generate a list of *five* words that describe Haroun. After making the list, choose one word you think best describes him, then explain why, using examples from the text to support and illustrate your idea.
3. Complete the following sentence: *The relationship between Rashid and Haroun is like...* After you complete the sentence, explain why their relationship is like *x*, then provide examples to support and illustrate your idea. Explain how these examples relate to the main idea.
4. Speculate about what happened to cause Rashid to lose his ability to tell stories; and predict what you think will happen in this story based on what happened before. What details do you base your prediction on?
5. Develop two test questions based on the first two chapters:
  - a. Right There (Literal) Question: This is a factual question that you can answer by pointing "right there" on the page to find the answer. An example from *The Odyssey* would be, "What test did Odysseus pass that the suitors could not?"
  - b. Between the Lines (Inferential) Question: This question is more complex. The answer cannot be pointed to on the page but must be *inferred* from other detail in the story. An example from *The Odyssey* would be, "How would you characterize the relationship between Odysseus and his men?"