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

Chapters 7-8

**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. Consider the politics of silence as it affects the individuals and the societies portrayed in *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*. Is silence a single uniform problem, a matter of zipping or stitching of lips, or is it, like the P2C2E, more complex? Consider especially the role of the Shadow Warrior. Explain the purpose and function of the Shadow Warrior.

2. Assuming that the Shadow Warrior is a metaphor, what does it represent? Be sure to identify textual references as you answer.

3. Develop two test questions based on these 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?”