

## **World History I:**

### **Summer Reading Assignment for the Iranian novel: *The Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer**

#### **Part I: Written Work**

On a lined sheet of paper, please respond to the questions in Sections A-C using complete sentences.

#### **Section A. Character Identification**

1. Please list and briefly identify the four main characters in the novel.
2. Who is Isaac's main interrogator? What is his background?

**Section B. Key Terms** Please briefly define or identify the following:

1. The Iranian Revolution
2. Zionism
3. The Revolutionary Guards
4. Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi
5. The Iran-Iraq War

#### **Section C. Questions**

1. Isaac's nine-year-old daughter, Shirin, steals files from the basement of a friend whose father is a Revolutionary Guard. How do you understand her actions?
2. What does this book add to your understanding of Iran—its history, its culture, and its people?

**Part II. Map Work** Please find and bring in a map of Iran.

This map should include the following:

Tehran  
Shiraz  
Caspian Sea

**This assignment is due at the beginning of class on your second day of World History I.**

