Fall 2016 LAR 101 Summer Reading Questions
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

General Questions
1. Research the author of Persepolis, Marjane Satrapi, and briefly discuss what you learn about her life and background.
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. Identify at least three moments in Persepolis seem confusing or puzzling for you?

A. “The Veil”
   1. Write about a time you had to wear a type of clothing you didn’t want to wear.
   2. Why do women have to wear the veil in Iran at this time?

B. “The Bicycle”
   1. Explain the simile, “The revolution is like a bicycle. When the wheels don’t turn, it falls.” (Page 10)
   2. Why did the police and the Shah burn the people in the theater?
   3. Why does God leave Marji?

C. “The Water Cell”
   1. Describe a family story about a relative who showed courage.
   2. Is Marji’s Grandpa for or against the government and why?

D. “Persepolis”
   1. Describe something you’ve done that required courage.

E. “The Letter”
   1. Explain what liberties you would have to lose in order to revolt against your government?
   2. Retell this chapter (“The Letter”) from Mehri’s point of view.
   3. Why does Marji feel shame?
   4. What is the revolution for?
   5. Who exposes Mehri’s relationship?

F. “The Party”
   1. Describe something you have done that went against your parents’ wishes, yet you felt you were right.