***Persepolis* Introduction**

**Historical Context**

**Answer the following as you listen to and watch the John Green *Crash Course Iranian Revolution***

1. How is Iran often represented after the 1979 Islamic revolution? To what extent are these stereotypes true?

2) What do Shi’a Muslims see themselves as, and why is this important?

3) What ethnic group do most Iranians identity with, and what language do they speak?

4) What did Reza Shah try to turn Iran into, and how did he rule Iran?

5) What natural resource is Iran rich in, which led to the West trying to keep Iran weak?

6) How was Mohammed Reza Shah successful during the White Revolution? What negative impact did the Shah’s reforms has?

7) Why was the Shi’a Ayatollah Khomeini so against the Shah, and why did Shi’a Islam motivate the people’s uprisings in 1978?

8) What cultural domination in Iran did the revolution also oppose, and why?

9) What roles can women play in Iranian politics?

10) Why was the new Islamic Republic not a full democracy?