

The use and effect of time in the novel

Use this sheet to record the events in the novel: the chronological events of the plot and the memories and flashbacks. Think about why Tyler structures the novel in this way and the effect it has on the narrative; does it, for example, affect the way we view the 'present' of the novel? The first ones have been done to start you off:

Chronological time of the novel	Memories and flashbacks
<p>Friday August 15th 1997: arrival day for Susan and Jin-Ho. The Donaldsons and Yazdans meet.</p> <p>Maryam's care of Susan is described: Maryam's delight in her granddaughter and their everyday routines are outlined.</p>	<p>→ Maryam remembers her mother's only visit to USA and her criticisms of what she brought for Sami then two years' old. Maryam recalls her first visit home, 'her clothes chosen carefully for their Westernness'.</p>

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