**Whose Iran Responses**

1. Identify Secor's overall thesis.

2. Discuss the specific arguments Secor offers to prove her thesis.

3. Cite evidence Secor deploys to substantiate her arguments.

4. Discuss what Secor hypothesizes about the struggles for power in Iran.

5. Analyze the implications of the power struggle explored in the article on democratic reform in Iran?

6. What does Secor's piece suggest about the legitimacy (or lack thereof) of the Iranian government?

7. Dissect the argument that, "the structure of the Iranian state remains too liberal for the authoritarians and too authoritarian for the liberals, but the traditional conservatives at the center of power cannot resolve this obvious paradox at the republic's heart without relinquishing their own position"

8. Explore the assertion that, "Iran’s grand revolutionary experiment is beset with fragility. The state is in a sense defined by its contradictions, both constitutional and economic. It cannot be truly stable until it resolves them, and yet if it tries to do so, it may not survive."

9. What substantial questions does this article raise about Iranian politics and political culture?