**Class Discussion of Elaine Mokhtefi’s *Algiers, Thirld World Capital***

1. Why did Mokhtefi decide to write this autobiographical book?
2. Mokhtefi describes herself as “anti-colonialist, antiracist, socialist” (20). How does this definition shape her views on the USA, France, BPP, Algerians, and Palestinians (204)?
3. Why does the UN use the word “The Algerian question” instead of the “Algerian War”? (20)
4. What does Mokhtefi say about the trade unions in the USA, Algeria, and France? (6-7)
5. What is the relationship between racism and colonialism according to Mokhtefi? (8, 19).
6. What is the image of Paris that Mokhtefi depicts? Compare with common images of Paris in American imagination. (9)
7. What does the expression Fanon’s Algeria mean? (36-47)
8. What other revolutionary groups lived in Algeria in the late 60s and early 70s? (54-57, 168).
9. Describe the role of the UN in mediating resolutions between the colonial powers and their colonies.
10. Why did FLN leaders not construct themselves as Berbers, but as Arabs, Muslims, and Africans? Who was their interlocutor in each case? How about today?
11. Why did Eldridge Cleaver leave Algeria according to Mokhtefi (176,187)? Comment on the exchange reported between Jean Genet and Cleaver (183).