

English 11 (H & CP)– Summer Reading Assignment

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DUE: The first day of school

Book: *The Glass Castle*

Author: Jeannette Walls

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Read: the entire book, all 288 pages

As you read, keep track of pages that have interesting quotes that impress you for whatever reason. Think about these important thematic elements (and others, not listed here, as well): whiteness, parenting styles, family, the American Dream, poverty, self-reliance, education, childhood. *BE AWARE that this novel includes scenes of childhood trauma and peril, alcoholism, and sexual abuse (not explicit).*

Choose three interesting quotes from the book.

Copy them carefully and exactly, using MLA-formatted in-text citations (see example below). Choose quotes that span the full length of the memoir, not just the first few chapters, and pick quotes that cover at least a few of those thematic elements mentioned above. Strive to pick quotes that are somewhat less obvious; strive to choose unique quotes, quotes others are not likely to pick.

Write: a paragraph explanation for each quote. Aim to cover these three things:

1. what the quote means
2. how it relates to the plot/story of the book (give context)
- 3a. what the quote says thematically and/OR
- 3b. how you personally relate to the quote

- Number each quote and put them in sequential order by page number.
- Proofread what you write and make the effort to present quality, error-free writing.
- Include a title you create, include your full name, class period, and the date in the top left corner of your assignment, and include a citation for the book (see below).

Here is an example of how a quote and its in-text citation should look. Note the punctuation:

1. “Dad hurried down the hall with me in his arms. A nurse yelled for us to stop, but Dad broke into a run” (Walls 14). Then begin your paragraph explanation.

Work Cited (center these words and place them at the end of the assignment)

Walls, Jeannette. *The Glass Castle*. Scribner, 2005. (This is how the book end-citation looks.)