

# 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** five 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 may be somewhat obscure, meaning you don't have the same quotes others will likely 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 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 strive to present quality, error-free writing.
- Include a title, proper MLA heading and formatting, and works cited (see below).

Here is an example of how your quote and its citation should look:

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.

## Works Cited

Walls, Jeannette. *The Glass Castle*. Scribner, 2005.