

Senior English Summer Reading (2010-2011)

The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls

**Due:** First day of school

There will be a quiz the first week of school.

**Choose the THREE most powerful moments from the book. Each “moment” could be a paragraph(s), a page, or a chapter. Then, write one journal response on EACH of the powerful moments (= 3 journal responses total).**

**Compose each journal response in the following format. REMEMBER: You must do three of these.**

1. Specify the reading section in the header of your response. Example: Page 23-24 OR Chapter 3
2. For each moment: Write a 1-2 **paragraph summary of the section** you have chosen. Summaries merely restate the section in your own words. Summaries do not add in your own opinion.
3. For each moment: Write a **One and a half - Two PAGE** Personal Response & Analysis of the Author’s Style that articulates why YOU think this is one of the most powerful moments in the book. You might consider writing about:
  - ✓ Why do you like or dislike this section?
  - ✓ What was your emotional, psychological, moral, ethical, physical response?
  - ✓ What did you learn?
  - ✓ How have you changed (behavior, belief) because you read this? What have you been inspired to do/not do, look for, talk about, talk to.
  - ✓ Make connections to: other text, the world, your life. . .
  - ✓ The author’s word choice. Why are they powerful? What do they make you think about?
  - ✓ The author’s choice of details. Why these details and not others?
  - ✓ The author use of figurative language (similes, metaphors, foreshadowing, personification, allusions, alliteration, point of view, etc).
  - ✓ Focus on a character (s) that seem interesting or puzzling.
  - ✓ You can focus on any patterns you discover, either related to a character, an idea, on the writing, or on how these come together.
  - ✓ Get involved in the details of the novel.