

## Summer Reading Assignment for English 12H

**Title:** *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

**Assignment:** Prepare for and participate in a Socratic Seminar that will take place within the first week of school. This will count as a quiz grade for the first marking period. In order to be fully prepared, you must complete the following: (Please note you will be required to reference the text during the seminar so annotate carefully and thoroughly as this will count heavily as part of your seminar grade)

1. Read the memoir carefully.
2. Annotate the Text -To annotate a text means to furnish it with critical/explanatory notes and comments. In other words, annotations are written notes that you take, thoughts that you have, and research that you complete while reading a text. These notes range from definitions of words to personal connections and deep analysis of the text. **Be sure to note specific examples of influences and experiences of Jeannette's childhood that shape her adult life.**
3. Write three questions to use in our seminar discussion according to the guidelines below:

**WORLD CONNECTION QUESTION:** Write a question connecting the text to the real world.

**OPEN-ENDED QUESTION:** Write an insightful question about the text that will require proof and group discussion and "construction of logic" to discover or explore the answer to the question.

**UNIVERSAL THEME/ CORE QUESTION:** Write a question dealing with a theme(s) of the text that will encourage group discussion about the universality of the text.

\*This assignment is in addition to the District Summer Reading Assignment\*