

**9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENGLISH REQUIRED SUMMER READING**  
**Foundations**

***The Glass Castle***, by Jeannette Walls (Note: Please get the physical book, not the electronic version.)

You are required to have this book read by the first day of school. Additionally, you must also write three journal responses of about 1/2 to 3/4 of a page, double-spaced.

Prompt:

*The Glass Castle* is a personal story (a memoir) in sections; the three you will be focusing on are:

- The Desert
- Welch
- New York City

In each section, pick a scene that stood out to you, whether you personally liked it or were bothered by it, or if you simply found it interesting. In your journal response for that section, write about why this scene, in particular, caught your interest. **You must include one quote in each journal entry.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McLaughlin ([tmclaughlin@jbha.org](mailto:tmclaughlin@jbha.org)).

Optional, but recommended reading:

*Cold Sassy Tree*, by Olive Ann Burns  
*The Bell-Jar*, by Sylvia Plath  
*Annie John*, by Jamaica Kincaid  
*A Separate Peace*, by John Knowles  
*This Boy's Life*, by Tobias Wolff  
*Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding