

9TH GRADE ENGLISH REQUIRED SUMMER READING
Grade Level

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 a one-page typed and double-spaced response to the following prompt:

In the book, Jeanette's mother claims that, "Everyone has something good about them, and that you have to find the redeeming quality and love the person for that." Clearly, there is much not to like about her parents, but what quality for each of Jeanette's parents could be considered redeeming? Find a specific quote for each that would support this idea.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McLaughlin (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