

We will begin the 2020-2021 school year with a memoir, *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. All students enrolled in English 10 Honors are expected to read *The Glass Castle* either during the summer or by Monday, August 31st. Completion of *The Glass Castle* Summer Reading Guide below is optional; however, it is strongly recommended as the guide may be used on certain assignments.

1. What is the meaning of the word “nonconformity?”

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2. In the chart below, list some examples of nonconformity from the novel:

Page #	Quotes from the novel	How is the quote an example of nonconformity? How does it differ from an ordinary life?

3. Obviously, poverty as well as homelessness plagues the characters throughout the novel. In the chart below, list some quotes that identify extreme instances of poverty and the effects it has on the characters:

Page #	Quotes from the novel	Examples of poverty or homelessness and the effects on the characters.

(over...)

4. Throughout the course of the novel, the Walls children obviously learn to become self-reliant or self-sufficient. In the chart below, list some quotes that identify examples of self-reliance or self-sufficiency:

Page #	Quotes from the novel	Examples of self-reliance or self-sufficiency

5. Who do you hold responsible for the plight of the Walls' family? Provide some quotes to support your opinion below:

Page #	Quotes from the novel	Who do you blame? Who is responsible?

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6. Along with blame often comes forgiveness. In the chart below, provide examples of quotes that show forgiveness.

Page #	Quotes from the novel	Examples of forgiveness

7. Throughout the novel, there are many symbols: fire, a glass castle, stars. Provide several examples of these symbols in the chart below:

Page #	Quotes from the novel	Symbols and their deeper meaning.

8. Finally, if you choose, write at least five open-ended questions that require more than a yes or no response. These questions should include social issues, issues that are relevant to and affects a large group of people or an entire society.