

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

***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 two specific quotes for each parent (four quotes total) that would support this idea. Write one page explaining the redeeming qualities of each parent. You must incorporate the quotes into your writing.

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

*Annie John*, by Jamaica Kincaid

*This Boy's Life*, by Tobias Wolff

*Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding