

**9<sup>TH</sup> 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, please write a paragraph of at least five sentences about 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 parent that would support this idea. Then, write a paragraph of at least five sentences explaining the redeeming qualities of each parent. You must incorporate the quotes into your paragraph.

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