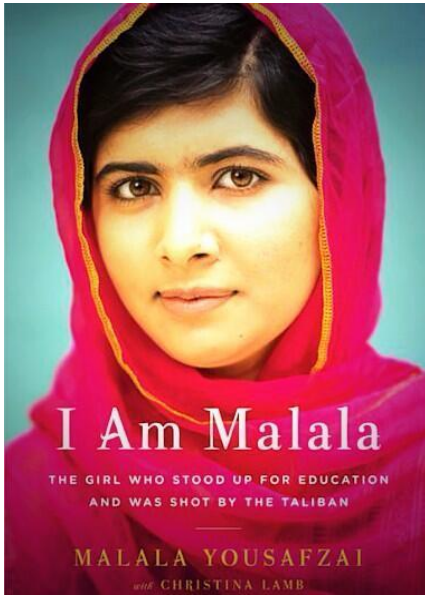


# Riviera Schools

## 2024 REQUIRED SUMMER READING FOR AP Language and Composition



### *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

#### A MEMOIR BY THE YOUNGEST RECIPIENT OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

"I come from a country that was created at midnight. When I almost died it was just after midday."

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive.

Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she became a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize.

*I AM MALALA* is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

*I AM MALALA* will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

Excerpted from: <http://www.amazon.com>

You must purchase a **hard copy** of the book as annotations are required. **The assignment must be turned in digitally on the first day of class.**

**Remember:**

- Always read over your finished work!
- Type your responses.
- Double space.
- Times New Roman or Arial – Font –Size 12
- Send your work through spell and grammar check.
- Put heading on top left of your paper →
- Do not “share” any work with your peers.

John Doe

Teacher Name (leave blank for now)

AP English Language and Composition

19 August 2024

**During:** Annotate, and **highlight** the memoir.

**After Reading:** Please respond to the following questions as completely as possible. Each answer should be a “mini-essay” (at least two paragraphs each). Please type this assignment (double spaced) and have it ready to turn in on the first day of school. Feel free to research the topic(s) associated with the basic premise of the book in order to become better informed.

1. Would you have had the bravery that Malala exhibited and continues to exhibit? Explain.
2. Write about the role of Malala’s parents, especially her father, Ziauddin. If you were her parents, would you have encouraged her to write and speak out? Why or Why not? Discuss.
3. How does Malala describe the effect of the growing Taliban presence in her region? Write about the rules they imposed on the citizens in the Swat valley. What was life like?
4. Malala has said that despite the Taliban’s restrictions against girls/women, she remains a proud believer. Would you – could you – maintain your faith given those same restrictions?
5. Discuss the reaction of the international community after Malala’s shooting. Has the outrage made a difference...has it had any effect?
6. Think about the Taliban’s power in the Muslim world. Why does it continue to grow and attract followers...or is it gaining new followers? What attraction does it have for Muslim men? Can it ever be defeated?