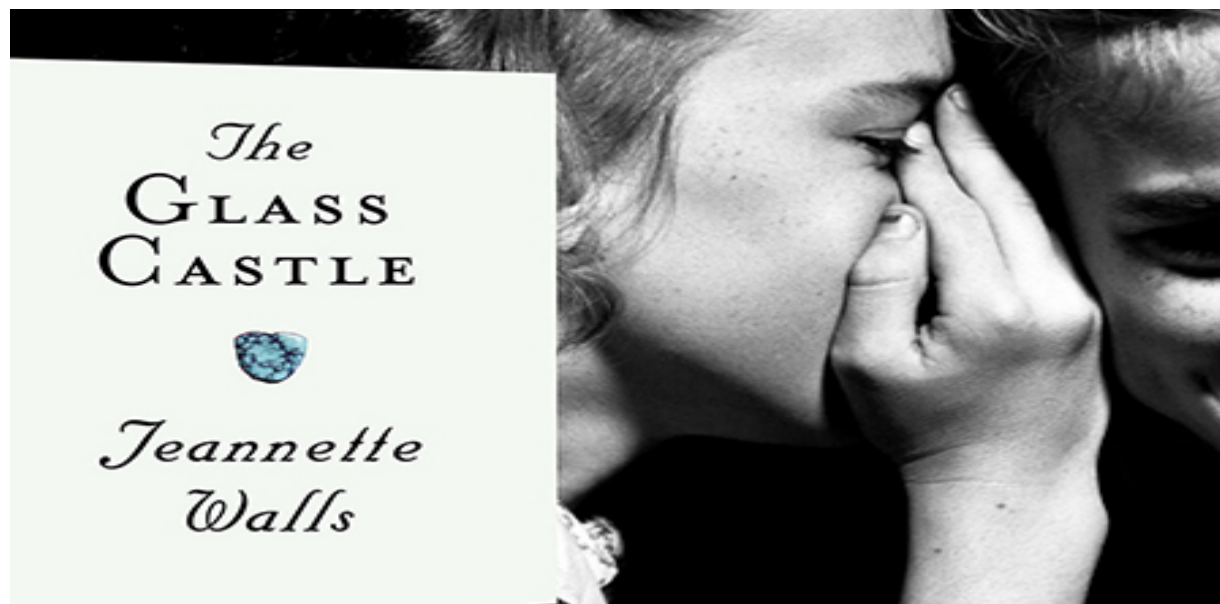


Summer Reading
for
English 3 Honors and College Prep

Required Reading for all rising English 3 Students:

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls



The Glass Castle is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family...

This book is available from libraries, local bookstores, and many online retailers.

Students are expected to read this selection very carefully in order to recall what is being read. ANNOTATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND WILL BE CHECKED ON THE 2ND DAY OF CLASS.

In addition, a summer reading assignment will be completed on the second day of class for a summer reading grade. We look forward to a great year together! Please do not hesitate to contact us over the summer if you have any questions.

Below are instructions on how to complete annotations:

How to Annotate *The Glass Castle*

What Does It Mean to Annotate?

Annotating is the process of actively engaging with a text by marking it up and adding notes. It helps you understand the story more deeply, track important ideas, and prepare for discussions or essays.

What You'll Need

- A copy of *The Glass Castle*
 - Pencil, pen, or highlighters
 - Sticky notes (if you can't write in your book)
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What to Look For While Reading

1. Key Events (Plot)

- Mark important moments in Jeannette's life
- Note turning points or major decisions
- Ask yourself: *Why is this moment important?*

2. Character Development

- Track how Jeannette, Rex, Rose Mary, and others change over time
- Underline descriptions, actions, or dialogue that reveal personality
- Write notes like: *This shows Rex is...*

3. Themes (Big Ideas)

Look for repeated ideas such as:

- Poverty
- Family and loyalty
- Resilience
- Freedom vs. stability

Write connections like: *This connects to the theme of...*

4. Symbols & Motifs

- The "Glass Castle" (what does it represent?)
- Fire, stars, and other recurring images

- Ask: *What deeper meaning might this have?*

5. Confusing or Interesting Passages

- Circle words or sections you don't understand
 - Write questions in the margins
 - Highlight powerful or meaningful lines
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Types of Annotations to Write

- **Questions:** *Why did Jeannette forgive her father?*
 - **Connections:** *This reminds me of...*
 - **Reactions:** *This is shocking/sad/inspiring because...*
 - **Predictions:** *I think this will lead to...*
 - **Insights:** *This shows the author believes...*
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Annotation Tips

- Use different colors for different ideas (optional)
- Keep notes short and clear
- Don't highlight everything—focus on key details
- Write in your own words

Quick Checklist

Before finishing a reading section, ask yourself:

- Did I mark important events?
- Did I note character changes?
- Did I identify themes or symbols?
- Did I write at least 2–3 meaningful notes?