ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY
LITERATURE & COMPOSITION

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ASSIGNMENT 1: Empowered Woman Choice Memoir

Please select one book from the list below to read before the school year begins. You should choose a book from this list that you are interested in as you will use this book for your first essay.

Some books discuss mature/adult content or may have graphic scenes. We urge you to discuss your book choice with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and read reviews of each book to ensure it is a proper fit.

MEMOIR OPTIONS:

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers by Michelle Obama
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Educated by Tara Westover
The Cat I Never Named by Amra Sabic-El-Rayess
Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance by Simone Biles
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Good for a Girl: A Woman Running in a Man's World by Lauren Fleshman
Lab Girl by Hope Jahren
The Best We Could Do (graphic novel) by Thi Bui

DIRECTIONS:

- Purchase a new or used **unmarked** copy of the book.
- Read your book.
- **As you read**, use post-it notes to annotate moments in the text that you related to, surprised you, confused you, made you happy, sad, angry, excited, etc. **Also, annotate moments where you see the author being an empowered woman, showing strength, or independence.**
- Your reading and annotating will be the foundational material for a future essay.

ENCOURAGED ASSIGNMENT 2: Reading for Fun!

Throughout your years at St. Joseph's Academy, you will be expected to grow in your reading stamina by reading independent novels. Independent novels are books that you choose to read because you are interested in them and want to read for fun. You will be expected to read independent novels both in and outside of class. To increase your reading stamina and get you ready for independent novels, we highly encourage you to read at least ONE book (you are welcome to read more than one) of your choice over the summer in addition to the empowered woman memoir.

See list of book choices on the following page.

ENCOURAGED ASSIGNMENT 2:

If you are looking to challenge your reading stamina, improve your reading comprehension, and grow your vocabulary consider selecting a book from the options below to read this summer. These novels are often referenced in ACT/SAT questions and prompts on AP tests. If you would like to further your literary knowledge, please choose and read any of the selections from the list.

OPTIONAL ENRICHMENT BOOK CHOICES:

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Animal Farm by George Orwell
The Secret Lives of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd