

School for Creative and Performing Arts

Summer Reading 2018-19

English 9 A

Readings

The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls (ISBN 9781439156964) (everyone)

You must read the original version, not the one based on the movie. Please use the given ISBN (above) to ensure that you have the correct one. We will watch parts of the movie in class throughout the year.

Please choose one of the following as your second reading assignment:

Speak by Laura Halse Anderson (ISBN: 014131088X)

Boys, Girls, and Other Hazardous Materials by Rosalind Wiseman (ISBN: 0399247963)

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers (ISBN: 0590409433)

Assignments

1) *The Glass Castle*

- a) Read the novel in its entirety. Take notes and/or highlight information as it relates to the following themes:

Coming of Age, Facing Adversity, Awakening and Action, Reacting to Injustice, and Finding Your Voice

- b) Complete the Novel Themes Chart (attached) using your reading notes. (See #1)

- c) Choose 3-4 quotes to submit for use as Seminar discussion starters. (Write these in a spiral notebook that will be used during the year as your Reading Response notebook.)

*Each of the following topics will be used during the Seminar Discussion. Be ready to respond, personally and as each relates to the book:

depression, agoraphobia, bullying, racism, prejudice, abuse, welfare, charity, poverty, alcoholism, parenting, responsibility, creativity.

There will be a **Seminar Discussion on **Monday, August 20th** for *Glass Castle*. There will also be a **written test** on **Friday, August 17th**.

(Assignments continued on the other side.)

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2) *Speak*, *Fallen Angels*, and *Boys, Girls...Materials*

a) Read the chosen novel in its entirety. Take notes and/or highlight information as it relates to the following themes:

Coming of Age, Facing Adversity, Awakening and Action, Reacting to Injustice, and Finding Your Voice

b) Complete the Novel Themes Chart (attached) using *Glass Castle* and your chosen book. (See #1)

c) Write 3-4 questions to be used for novel discussion groups.

d) Write a statement (of your own) that captures the major theme and message of the book. (RR spiral with *Glass Castle*)

*There will be **novel discussion groups** for these books on **Wednesday, August 22**.

All work is due no later than Friday, August 17th, 2018.

Important Dates

Wednesday, August 15: First Day of School –all work accepted! ☺

Friday, August 17: All work is due today – no exceptions! *Glass Castle* written test

Monday, August 20: *Glass Castle* Seminar Discussion

Wednesday, August 22: Novel Groups Seminar Discussion

Teacher Information

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Novel Themes Response Chart (English 9A)

Directions: Directions: Use the chart to document evidence for each of the themes listed. **Please cite page numbers for your evidence** (and have it also marked in your book).

	Coming of Age	Adversity	Awakening & Action	Injustice	Finding your Voice
<i>The Glass Castle</i> (required for everyone)	Ex.: page 3 –first day of high school				
<i>Speak</i> (choice 1)					
<i>Boys, Girls...Materials</i> (choice 2)					

Chart continues on the other side with *Fallen Angels* and other information.

<i>Fallen Angels</i> (choice 3)					
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***Don't forget your quotes for Glass Castle and your questions for the other novels. Use this space, if needed.**