

Dear Honors Sophomore Student,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to English II Honors for the 2011-2012 school year at Lakes Community High School.

As part of the course work for our class, you will be reading *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. This is the book that all incoming honors level sophomores will be reading. Please read the novel and annotate with post-it notes only; do not write in the novel. Once you finish reading the book, **please complete both of the following assignments:**

- Choose at least five main characters from the book and assign a symbol for each. Write a paragraph for each symbol explaining why you assigned this particular symbol to this particular character. Allow space for a visual representation of the symbol. You will need to show this symbol. Please make a metaphorical connection, not so much a literal one. If a character enjoys writing, do not use a picture of a journal or of a pen. If a character is struggling with an internal conflict, a pair of boxing gloves within a heart would be appropriate.
- Choose two significant quotes from each section of the novel to comment upon. There are five sections in the novel. You will need to type the quote (indicate the page number) and then type your response to the quote. You may choose to explain why this quote is important, make a personal connection to the quote, or comment on the literary devices used: foreshadowing, use of simile or metaphor, vivid description, etc... Each response should be at least five sentences long.

This summer assignment is **due on the first day of class**. All work is to be typed and presented in MLA format. We will most likely have a quiz on the novel within the first week of school.

Please take your time with this assignment. Be thoughtful and creative. English II Honors will be an intensive reading and writing class. We value the sharing of ideas, opinions, evidence and collaborative learning. You will be developing your own "voice." Please let your creativity and personality show in your work.

We encourage your parent/guardian to read this book with you. If they would like more information about the selection, they can contact the English department chair.

We are looking forward to meeting you in August. Have a terrific summer.

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