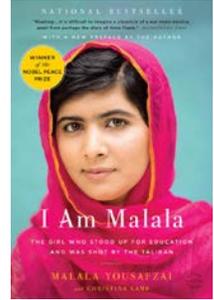


## English II (134) Summer Reading Assignment



All sophomores will read the autobiography *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. Each class will have a different assignment that correlates with the book. Be careful to select the appropriate assignment. Please also note the important reminder about plagiarism; **all work submitted must be your own.**

### Plagiarism Reminder

Plagiarism can be defined as submitting another person's ideas, words, images, or data without giving that person credit or proper acknowledgement. Plagiarism, a form of academic dishonesty, is tantamount to stealing and will not be tolerated. **Submitting another person's work for this assignment will result in an automatic zero.** This may significantly lower your final grade. Furthermore, plagiarism, a form of cheating, will be reported to both the class dean and your parents. We will discuss methods for avoiding plagiarism as the school year progresses.

### English 134 (English II):

See the instructions and questions below.

### English 134 I Am Malala Summer Reading Questions

Please answer each question with at least three complete sentences unless instructed otherwise. You do not need to restate, but you need to answer the question fully. Any material taken from a source other than your own brain (e.g. the internet, another student, your parents, or space aliens) will result in a zero for the entire assignment. These questions should be typed and stored electronically. They will be submitted on turnitin.com during the first week of school.

#### Prologue

What is one theme you see potentially developing in this book? Give textual support.

#### **Part One**

Why start with this quote? What values does it highlight?

#### Chapter 1: A Daughter is Born

Based on the description of Malala's early family life, how might we expect her to be different from other girls her age from the Swat Valley?

#### Chapter 2: My Father the Falcon

Describe some traits that have been passed down from the grandfather, to the father, to Malala. Use text support to strengthen your answer.

#### Chapter 3: Growing Up in a School

List three things Ziauddin's persistence to start the school shows about him.

#### Chapter 4: The Village

Does Malala's culture value women? How? In what ways? What parts of women?

Chapter 5: Why I Don't Wear Earrings and Pashtuns Don't Say Thank You

What does this chapter show about Malala's developing values?

Chapter 6: Children of the Rubbish Mountain

Compare conflicting opinions about the rubbish dump children to how people in the U.S. feel about accepting immigrants from other countries.

Chapter 7: The Mufti Who Tried to Close Our School

How and why is the tension rising in Pakistan.

Chapter 8: The Autumn of the Earthquake

What are some ways the militant groups manipulated the people?

**Part Two: The Valley of Death**

What does the opening quote suggest this section will focus on?

Chapter 9: Radio Mullah

How was Fazlullah able to get people to follow his extremism?

Chapter 10: Toffees, Tennis Balls and the Buddhas of Swat

Why can it be dangerous to rely on a religious leader for the interpretation of a holy book like the Quran or the Bible?

Chapter 11: The Clever Class

In one paragraph address the following: what is Malala's strongest character trait? Include three examples of her showing this trait.

Chapter 12: The Bloody Square

How were Malala's brothers being shaped by the things going on around them? You may reference events outside this chapter as well.

Chapter 13: The Diary of Gul Makai

In one paragraph address the following: is Malala's father putting her in danger or using her to advance his own beliefs? Why or why not?

Chapter 14: A Funny Kind of Peace

The information minister for Malala's province said, "Talibanization was the result of our country's policy of training militants and sending them to Afghanistan, first to fight the Russians, then to fight the Americans. 'If we had not put guns in the hands of madrasa students at the behest of foreign powers we would not be facing this bloodbath in the tribal areas and Swat.'"

In your opinion, who's to blame for the spreading of the Taliban in the tribal areas and Swat valley?

Chapter 15: Leaving the Valley

How is Malala's life changing?

### **Part Three**

#### Chapter 16: The Valley of Sorrows

Why were other countries hesitant to help Pakistan at this time?

#### Chapter 17: Praying to be Tall

Compare OR contrast Malala's feelings about her success with the feelings of her mother or father on her success.

#### Chapter 18: The Woman and the Sea

Why isn't Malala afraid? What does she believe about death?

#### Chapter 19: A Private Talibanization

What does Malala think her biggest problem is? What does that show about her?

#### Chapter 20: Who is Malala?

Why do you think Malala goes over every detail about her ride home that day? How does this affect the reader?

### **Part Four**

Who/What does the opening quote blame for the broken homes? Why start this section with this quote?

#### Chapter 21: "God I Entrust Her to You"

Malala describes several of these from the perspectives of her parents. Why do you think she does this? Does this affect her reliability as a narrator because she is using other people's experiences? Why or why not?

#### Chapter 22: "Journey into the Unknown"

What is your reaction to the decision Ziauddin makes regarding Malala going to the U.K.?

### **Part Five**

#### Chapter 23: "The Girl Shot in the Head, Birmingham."

If the Taliban's goal was to keep Malala from speaking out about them, were they successful?

#### Chapter 24: "They Have Snatched Her Smile."

What are some reasons Malala believes God is great?

#### Epilogue: One Child, One Teacher, One Book, One Pen

How does Malala feel about the Taliban now? How does Malala feel about Pakistan?