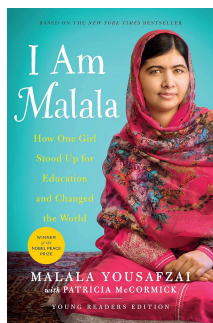


**Grade 9 High Honors English
Summer Reading Assignment 2024**



Completion of this assignment is required for all students enrolling in High Honors\Lyceum English I.

***I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai**

You are responsible for obtaining a copy of this book. Many students purchase their own copy so that they can annotate as they read. There will be copies available at the Pollard Library and in the main office of the Freshman Academy during summer school hours.

*You are expected to complete this work before the start of school, as **you will be tested on your reading during the first week of classes.***

Synopsis:

I Am Malala. This is my story.

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school.

Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school.

No one expected her to survive.

Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. In this Young Readers Edition of her bestselling memoir, which has been reimagined specifically for a younger audience and includes exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world—and did.

Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles and the possibility that one person—one young person—can inspire change in her community and beyond.

Before you read, take the time to watch the following documentary and take handwritten notes. It will help you understand and appreciate the book more deeply:

[Class Dismissed: Malala's Story \(2009\). Dir. Adam B. Ellick and Irfan Ashraf. New York Times, 09 Oct. 2012. Web. 16 June 2014.](#)

As you read, We advise that you take notes or use an active reading strategy that you already use (sticky notes, notes in the margin, direct annotation, 2-column notes, etc.) to help you remember important characters and events. We know that some of you may finish the book in early summer and we want you to be prepared for the test in August. The notes are not mandatory, but strongly suggested. **All students enrolled in High Honors\Lyceum English 1 will be tested on this book during the first week of school.**

Questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Keefe (skeefe@lowell.k12.ma.us) you may have.