

**YGW Girls' Division**  
**Summer Reading Assignments**

**Eighth Grade**

*I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Changed the World*, Young Readers Edition, Malala Yousafzai OR

*I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*, Malala Yousafzai

Write your own narrative. Concentrate on a short period of time in your life. It can be the first ten minutes before a big game, the thirty minutes it took you to pass or fail a math test, or any other special short quantity of time. Even though that time was brief, this moment in your life was packed with importance.

Adopt Malala's descriptive writing style and tell us about your event. Notice how she focuses on minor details in order to add suspense and peak the reader's interest. Pay careful attention to the five senses. What do you remember hearing? Seeing? Smelling? Tasting? Touching? Don't interpret your feelings in the moment; just give the reader the facts.

Your essay should be 250-300 words and typed in 12 font Arial. Bring a copy of the book and a printed copy of your narrative to the first day of class.

Journal Prompts that might help you begin this memoir:

I thought I would never find my \_\_\_\_\_ again! ...

The time I ate the strangest thing I have ever eaten....

I wish I could go back and visit \_\_\_\_\_ (place)

I wish I could go back and visit \_\_\_\_\_ (person)

My most vivid memory from elementary school is...

I never thought I would try...

I couldn't believe I finally learned how to...

The hardest thing for me to do in school was...

Every morning / afternoon / night when I was \_\_\_ (age) I used to...

I was never the same after I met...

\_\_\_\_\_ (person) still wouldn't believe me if I told them about...

The greatest challenge I've ever overcome...

The most exciting thing that has ever happened to me...