



HERITAGE OAK

Private Education

7th Grade Summer Assignment 2026

This summer, it is essential that students continue stretching their minds and developing their learning. The ideal practice to support such a goal comes from reading; thus, students are required to read books over the summer. Please read the assignment below and complete the study assignments. The completed assignments are due on the second day of school in September. Late assignments are subject to a 30% grade deduction for the first day, 50% for the second.

Summer Reading Text

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)
by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick
ISBN-10: 0316327913
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Reading Assignment

Complete the Analysis Questions during or after reading the novel. Respond to the Analysis Questions in one-two sentences using proper MLA format, no cover page is needed. This will be turned in on the first day of your Language Arts class. Students will be graded according to the Common Core Standards. A rubric is attached for reference.

Students will be completing a written analysis and formal assessment on the text at the beginning of the year, using information from this assignment and their novels.

Your work will serve as your first Language Arts grades.

I acknowledge receipt of the summer reading assignment for my child.

Name _____ Grade for 2026-2027 _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please sign and return to your ELA teacher no later than Tuesday, June 2nd..

***I Am Malala* Analysis Questions**

DIRECTIONS: As you read each chapter in the book, please answer the question(s) for the assigned chapters.

- Use the grading rubric as your guide to answer the question thoroughly and thoughtfully. Answers should be 1-2 sentences each.
- Please use MLA format to create your document and answer the questions.
- The title of your document should be *I Am Malala* Analysis Questions
- You will turn in the final document during the first day of your Literature class.

Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Needs Improvement (2)	Below Expectations (1)
answers the question well, gives proper analysis, and provides examples from the text.	answers the question adequately, gives some analysis, and provides examples.	somewhat answers the question or gives an example. Minimal analysis given.	does not answer the question fully nor are examples given.

Analysis Questions:

Part 1:

1. How are girls treated differently where Malala is from?
2. List two specific examples of how Malala's dad is different from others in the Pashtun culture?
3. List two ways the Taliban has made life difficult for women in Afghanistan according to page 24.
4. According to the leaders of the militant groups, why did the earthquake happen, and what did the people need to do in order to prevent another one from happening?
5. List two examples of how Malala's school was a "heaven" for her and other girls.

Part 2:

1. List three reasons why people listening to the Radio Mullah.
2. On page 47, Malala said, "Mingora had become like a prison." How so? Support with two examples.
3. What terrible things did Fazlullah and his men start to do (page 63)?
4. What is the difference between war and terrorism according to Malala?
5. Why do you think she titled Part Two "A Shadow Over Our Valley?"

Part 3:

1. According to Malala, how was blogging on the Internet like getting the magic pencil?
2. On page 83, Malala said the last day of school "felt like a funeral." According to her, what was dying?
3. Madam Maryam sent out a message to the girls in the upper school. What was that message?
4. What was Malala and her friends' plan if a Talib stopped them on the way to school?
5. What were the conditions of the peace treaty between the government and the Taliban? What did the government agree to do? What did the Taliban agree to do?
6. Why is "Peace?" a fitting chapter title for chapter 15?
7. What profession is Malala now thinking about getting into? Why?

Part 4:

1. What happens to many Pashtun girls and boys at age 15 that causes them to stop going to school?
2. What are three odd things that happened at the end of chapter 22?
3. Why was Malala "ridiculously happy" the morning before school at the beginning of chapter 23?

Part 5:

1. What two questions did Malala have when she woke up (page 134)? How did she communicate them to the doctor and nurse?
2. List three things Malala noticed about her appearance when she looked into a mirror for the first time at the hospital.
3. According to Malala, what was the worst part about being in the hospital?
4. What did Malala call "a gift from God" on the last page of chapter 28?
5. Why is chapter 29 called "Filling in the Blanks"?
6. According to a spokesman for Fazlullah, why did the Taliban shoot Malala?
7. For Malala, what is the moral of the story for the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*?
8. What has happened to Fazlullah since Malala left Pakistan?
9. What good has the Malala Fund done and continue to do?
10. What does Malala want to be known for, according to page 191?