

LTAC Summer Reading

7th grade 2022-23 school year

Required Reading

- *I am Malala: The girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai
*There is a "Young Reader's Edition" of this text. Please **do not read** the young reader's edition. Please read the full edition.
- *March, Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
*There are three books in the series. While you are only REQUIRED to read Book One, we highly encourage you to read all three!

Welcome to LTAC! We are thrilled you will be joining us here at Lane Tech College Prep. Your time at Lane will be filled with intellectual challenges, discovery, and discussion. Your seventh grade year will launch you on an academic journey, during which you will study some of the greatest literary, scientific, philosophical and mathematical thinkers.

As we work to examine these voices, we will also begin to examine how you, as an independent thinker, shape your voice. As we work to form our own personal beliefs, we will be adopting and shaping personal wisdom.

Your summer reading project serves as the first stepping stone on your journey. The memoir and graphic novel chosen for the summer reading project will help you begin to think about who you are and who you want to be.

As you read Malala and John Lewis's stories, it will become clear just how important and powerful one voice can be in the face of extreme adversity--and how different those voices can sound. We will be using both memoirs throughout the entire school year: first, with in class activities and assessment, and later to connect to thematically throughout the year.

The Assignment (step by step)

Links for Steps 2-4 are provided in the title. Make a copy of those attachments in order to create your own.

Step 1: The first step in your summer reading assignment is to simply read *I am Malala* and then *March, Book One*. Remember please read the full version of *I am Malala* and NOT the Young Adult Reader's version. **Enjoy your summer and your summer reading!**

Suggested Reading Timeline:

June/July: *I am Malala*

August: *March, Book One*

Step 2: Discussion Questions

As you read the memoir, *I am Malala*, and the graphic novel *March, Book One*, please consider the answers to the discussion questions provided in the link above. You do not need to write down your responses in a formal way, unless you choose to do so. Our suggestion is that you **choose 3 questions from each book** to discuss the answers with other friends entering LTAC or your family members. **You do not need to write these answers formally;** they are discussion questions.

One way to make this text even more valuable is for other members of the family to read the text along with the LTAC student. This way, you can actually have conversations about the discussion questions provided and open a dialogue about the importance of education, freedom, diverse voices, and speaking up for what is right.

Step 3: Graphic Organizer

One of the major topics/motivations for Malala and John Lewis was to **bear witness** to what was going on in her life and community. Just as she went through an unimaginable experience, so have we been experiencing something unprecedented in recent history in the COVID-19 pandemic. It has highlighted the already apparent racial disparities that John Lewis fought his whole life to lessen.

Complete the attached graphic organizer to the best of your ability. Choose **3 aspects of her experience** that you think Malala bears witness to, and **3 aspects of John Lewis's experience** that you think he bears witness to. Feel free to use from the list below if you are stuck. Find a **quote** from the text that supports your idea. Then, **discuss how and why** this quote demonstrates that aspect of bearing witness and why it is important to their experience.

- Gender inequity
- Educational disparity
- Importance of education
- Hope for something more
- Strength to fight for change
- Family support
- Patriarchy
- Racism
- Religious persecution
- Strength of voice

Step 4: A little bit of [reflective writing](#)

Choose one of the attached ***prompt formats*** to bear witness to your unique experience. Reflect on what challenges you have faced and how you were able to face them to get here, the Lane Tech Academic Center. **Bear witness to the unique challenges and collective trauma we face in experiencing a global pandemic.** In the link provided, you will find questions to drive your thinking and three options of prompt formats your writing can take. You do not need to answer every question, and you only need to choose one prompt format to submit.

DUE DATES:

The entire project (reading of memoir & graphic novel, completion of the graphic organizer, completion of reflective writing) needs to be completed and ready to turn in by Friday, August 26th.

We will be discussing the graphic organizer and will allow for revisions and edits throughout the first week. Therefore, do your best, trust yourself, and the thing we ask for the most is effort.

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