**Teacher**: Ms. Natalie Goebel

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**Course Description:**

This is a one-semester course of the study of reality literature (nonfiction). Students will develop strategies to read critically, develop comprehension skills and develop vocabulary skills. Students will examine various texts for literary devices, figurative language, style, structure, audience, and tone.

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**Novels:** *The Last Lecture by* Randy Pausch

*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

Autobiographies/biographies of the students’ choosing.

**Misc:** articles, essays, and current events-CNN Student News

**Assignments & Homework:**

Homework will be assigned a few nights a week and is due at the beginning of the following class period unless otherwise stated. Daily homework may be turned in one day late for ½ credit; otherwise, late work will not be accepted. Long term projects/papers will not be accepted late unless extreme circumstances have occurred, the parent has contacted the teacher through a note or email, and the teacher approves an extension. (Printing problems on home computers are not an extreme circumstance – students can email their papers in, put on a disk and print at school, etc.)

**Absences:** Regular school attendance is vitally important to a student’s academic achievement. Attendance issues will be dealt with on an individual basis.

**Make up work due to absence:** It is the student’s responsibility to get the work missed outside of class time due to an absence. Any assignments not made up by the teacher-directed due dates will result in no credit for the assignment.

Students should also be prepared to take tests/quizzes and turn in homework they were informed about prior to their absence on the ***DAY OF THEIR RETURN***.

**Attendance and Grading using Zangle:** The attendance and grades are available at any time using

Zangle. Students should check their status regularly and be proactive about their education with regards to both grades and attendance.

**Grading procedure:** The grading of all assignments will be based on effort shown by the completeness and content of work. Grades will be based on the following Zangle scale:

92.5-100 A 89.5-92.4 A- 86.5-89.4 B+

83.5-86.4 B 79.5-83.4 B- 76.5-79.4 C+

72.5-76.4 C 69.5-72.4 C- 66.5-69.4 D+

62.5-66.4 D 59.5-62.4 D- 59.4 or > E

**Final Exam and Semester Grade:** The final semester grade will be computed by counting each of the card marking grades as 40% and the final exam as 20%. The final exam is a district-wide exam (all 11th graders at LPS take the same final exam). This will be done in Class A.

**Questions and Concerns:** If you (or your parent/guardian) have a concern or question that cannot be asked in class, please e-mail me. You will receive a response quickly.

**Required Materials**:

Folder to keep organized

Blue or black pens, pencils

You MUST bring your book to class each day! There will be many days that we will be reading together as a class.