**Directions:**

**Part I--**Create a book review for an outside reading book of your choice. Think of your book review like a movie trailer—you want to give some details of the story without giving everything away. The heading of your review should like mine (see below). Include: LEFT—title (make sure it’s underlined), author, call number, and your name (designated with “Reviewed By”); RIGHT—Star rating (1-5 stars), and adjectives that describe your book.

Your book review should reflect your rating. For example, my review should demonstrate the ways that I Am Malala is “Informative, but not Captivating”. You will be graded on content, word choice, grammar, and overall impact on the reader.

**Part II—**Sometimes books can be complex due to language, structure, multiple viewpoints, background or cultural knowledge needed to make sense of the plot, themes, etc. For this part of the book review, discuss the complexity of the book. Did you find it a challenging book to read? If so, what made it particularly challenging or complex? Please see my example below.

**Title**: I Am Malala

**Author**: Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb **Informative, but not**

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**Reviewed By**: Mrs. J. Brickey

If you never heard of Malala Yousafzai, her memoir will make you wonder why you haven’t. As a girl growing up in Pakistan under Taliban rule, Malala, from an early age, valued her education above all things. Her love for learning came from her parents’ passion, especially her father’s, for education. Malala recounts her father’s efforts to establish a school of his own in her beloved Swat Valley and how the Taliban insurgency put her father’s work in jeopardy. As the Taliban became more prominent in the Swat Valley, so did their misogynistic edicts of Islam. The violence against women Malala describes depicts a confused country--a country that once had two female Prime Ministers and yet, banned girls from seeking an education. It was this law that inspired Malala to rise up. She, with the support of her father, spoke against the Taliban and even penned a secret blog under the name Gul Makai. But the Taliban were determined to have her silenced: On October 9, 2012, Malala, then 15, was shot, point-blank, in the head as she rode the bus on her way home from school. Malala shares the details of that horrible day, her path to recovery, and her continued advocacy. Malala has become a global symbol of civil disobedience and a champion of girls’ education. If you enjoy inspirational stories, then Malala’s tale offers inspiration and more.

Malala’s retelling of the events that led to her attempted murder and recovery are very straightforward. However, the in-depth description of Pakistani culture, landscape, and vocabulary make this text more complex when considering cultural knowledge and language, especially with the Pakistani terms the frequently arise to explain the cultural context. To assist the reader with these areas, the book contains a timeline of important events in Pakistan and Swat and a glossary. A major theme explored in the novel, beyond education, is woman’s rights. Students can connect what they know about women’s rights in the United States to what Malala shares about women’s rights in Pakistan.