***I Am Malala***

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Directions: Look at the questions for each meeting. Pay attention to the number of questions you are being asked to answer! Answer all questions in your CLOSE READING NOTEBOOK! Label your questions with the meeting number and the date. These answers must be AT LEAST TWO COMPLETE SENTENCES to count. (May Do: You can answer more questions than what is required for extra credit!)

**Meeting 1 (Prologue – Due Monday, March 4th)**

These questions are on a separate sheet of paper.

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**Meeting 2 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 – Due Thursday, March 7th)**

Directions: Choose FIVE questions from those listed below to answer in your close reading notebook.

1. How are males and females treated differently in Malala’s culture? Give examples from Chapter 1.
2. What role does education play in Malala’s family? How does Malala feel about education?
3. How is life different for the people who live in Shangla? How are women treated in Shangla?
4. How are Malala and her mother alike in the way they view helping people?
5. What happened when Malala’s father started opening his school to poor children? How do you feel about this?
6. When the earthquakes hit Pakistan, who were the first people to come offer help? What was the problem with their help?
7. What does the mufti tell Malala’s father about his school? Why?
8. What are the two types of education available in Malala’s area? Describe each. How are they different?
9. Malala sees herself as a “girl like any other.” How do you view Malala?

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**Meeting 3 (Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 – Due Monday, March 11th)**

Directions: Choose FIVE questions from those listed below to answer in your close reading notebook.

1. How did the Mullah use the people’s lack of education and tendency to believe in superstitions to manipulate them into doing what he wanted?
2. Malala’s father says, “Coming events cast their shadows before.” What does he mean?
3. The Radio Mullah, Fazlullah, preached that many things common in Malala’s town were un-Islamic and Western. List three things that he preached against.
4. How did the Taliban threaten Malala’s father?
5. What happens that makes Malala feel very unsafe in Pakistan? Why was this event important?
6. Who comes to the Swat Valley to help remove the Taliban? Describe what happens after their arrival in three details.
7. How does Malala describe terrorism? Find a quote from the book to support your answer.

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**Meeting 4 (Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 – Due Thursday, March 14th)**

Directions: Choose FIVE questions from those listed below to answer in your close reading notebook.

1. Despite threats from the Taliban, Malala’s father continued to speak out against them. What did his courage lead Malala to do?
2. How did the school change its normal plan in order to maximize the amount of time girls could attend school before it would be shut down?
3. What did the BBC want someone from the school in Mingora to do? How did Malala respond?
4. What was the purpose of using the name Gul Makai for the diary entries? What is your opinion of this?
5. Malala hears someone say, “I will kill you.” How does she react to this?
6. Why did Moniba react the way that she did when she learned that Malala was the author of the diary?
7. What was the end result of the diary being published?
8. How did people in Mingora respond to Malala speaking out in the news? Why?
9. What does Malala say is the reason she didn’t cover her face when she spoke on television?
10. What happened in Mingora over the month that schools were closed? Why is this important?
11. How did the Taliban change after the people accepted Sharia law? Give three examples of changes from the text.
12. What did Malala’s family decide to do when the Taliban closed in on the capital? Why?

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**Meeting 5 (Chapters 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 – Due Monday, March 18th)**

Directions: Choose FIVE questions from those listed below to answer in your close reading notebook.

1. What does it mean to be an Internally Displaced Person (IDP)? List two other IDPs you’ve learned about.
2. What was going on in Mingora while Malala and her family were living in Shangla?
3. Who used the school as a base during the fighting in Mingora? Why is this important?
4. What did the letter from the army say? Why is this important?
5. Summarize the good things that happened in Malala in Chapter 19. Talk about at least three things.
6. How does Malala react to what she found on Google? Why does she react this way?
7. When Malala thinks about what she would do if a Taliban soldier came to kill her, she says, “If you hit a Talib with your shoe, there is no difference between him and you. You must not treat others with cruelty. You must fight with peace and dialogue.” Describe how this quote shows Malala’s character.
8. What did Malala’s mother begin doing in the Spring? Why was this important?
9. What happened on the school field trip in Chapter 21? Explain why this is important.
10. Describe two things that happened in Mingora that show that the Taliban is still present.
11. How was the morning of October 9th just like any other day for Malala? How did the day change?

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**Meeting 6 (Chapters 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 – Due Thursday, March 21st)**

Directions: Answer ALL FOUR questions below in your close reading notebook.

1. What are Malala’s two biggest concerns when she wakes up in the ICU? What does this say about her character?
2. Why was Malala warned not to cry? Why would her father have been warned not to cry?
3. How did Malala react to seeing herself for the first time after her attack? Why is this?
4. What did Malala ask her parents to bring when they came? What does this show that she didn’t fully understand yet?

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**Meeting 7 (Chapters 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 – Due Friday, March 22nd)**

Directions: Choose FIVE questions from those listed below to answer in your close reading notebook.

1. How did Malala end up in England? (Use information from Dr. Fiona in Chapter 27 and from Malala’s parents in Chapter 29.)
2. Why couldn’t Malala’s family join her in England immediately. Be specific.
3. Why can’t Malala remember what happened to her?
4. What was the world’s reaction to Malala’s shooting? Why?
5. Who paid for Malala’s medical costs? Why?
6. What are some differences between Mingora and Birmingham that Malala writes about?
7. Malala says that some people blame her father for what happened to her because he pushed her to do what she did. Do you agree or disagree with this? Explain your answer.

**Meeting 8 (Epilogue – Due Monday, March 25th)**

Directions: Answer BOTH questions in your close reading notebook.

1. How does Malala respond when asked about the negative things that have happened to her?
2. Malala does not want to be known as the girl who was shot by the Taliban. What does she want to be known for? What is she known for at this point?