

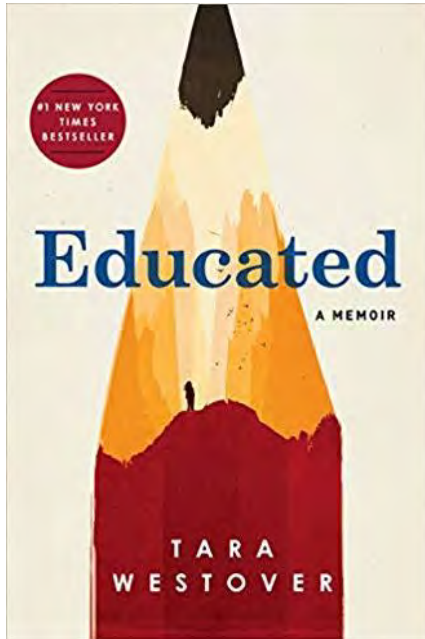
“Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another’s skin, another’s voice, another’s soul.” – Joyce Carol Oates

Valwood Summer Study 2023-24

English III

Note: Obtain your own copy of the book, and bring it to class when school begins.

1. Read *Educated: A Memoir* (2018) by Tara Westover.
2. Annotate the book and consider the following topics as you read:



- advantages and disadvantages of community
- relationships (within families and with friends)
- what it means to be educated
- how we learn
- survival
- opportunities
- risk-taking
- mentors

Tips for annotation:

Avoid the use of highlighters.

Underline key words or phrases and memorable sentences or passages.

Identify unfamiliar words

Write questions in the margins about something you don't understand

Mark and comment on characters and ideas that you find intriguing

Note the use of literary devices

Make connections to other texts, your life, your world, etc.

3. Write a 250-word reflection to turn in on the first day of school.

Include a discussion of specific events in the novel that provoked a notable response. What did you love? What did you hate? What caught your attention?

4. Be prepared to accomplish the following within the first two weeks of school:

- participate in a Socratic discussion of the book
- construct a theme statement for the book
- identify at least three pieces of textual support for the theme statement
- incorporate the textual support in a variety of ways
- document the textual evidence
- write an in-class essay, adhering to MLA style and meeting the expectations of a rubric

5. Know what’s going on in the world. Read an actual newspaper; read the news online; listen to the news on the radio; or watch the news on television. Look into current news or listen to a podcast about subjects that interest you: science, history, math, art, health, medicine, law, politics, sports, fashion, etc.