

Memoir Close Reading

I Am Malala

As you read your memoir, you'll need to provide detailed observations about the author's stylistic choices.

Your notes should include the following:

- A brief summary of the excerpt's events
- Device & Quote Analysis
 - Identify the rhetorical/literary device in the section and write down a quote that exemplifies it
 - Explain the quote's significance in the story and overall effectiveness

Example Entry:

Amy Tan's "Fish Cheeks"

- **Symbolism**
- "For Christmas I prayed for this blond-haired boy, Robert, and a slim new American nose" (Tan)
- Within the first paragraph of the short essay, Tan is sharing with readers how important it felt to look "American" rather than Chinese. In her perspective, to look "American" meant to look like a white person. Instead of being proud of her features, she felt shame and wanted to change how she would look—likely to impress the blond-haired American boy, Robert. This shows readers the internal struggle she was experiencing at a young age, hoping to be like everyone else even though she looks different.

Sections to Read & Devices for *I Am Malala*

Section & Page #	Devices
Prologue pg. 3-9	Tone, Ethos, Pathos, Flashback, Diction
Chapter 7 pg. 90-101	Imagery, Characterization, Tone, Pathos, Ethos
Chapter 13 pg. 154-164	Imagery, Characterization, Tone, Pathos, Ethos
Chapter 20 pg. 236-242	Imagery, Characterization, Tone, Pathos, Ethos, Onomatopoeia
Chapter 23 pg. 275-289	Imagery, Characterization, Tone, Pathos, Ethos
Epilogue pg. 303-313	Imagery, Characterization, Tone, Pathos, Ethos

When you finish your memoir, you will write a review of the effectiveness of the memoir.