***I Am Malala* Study Questions**

**Directions:** All responses should be answered in complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper with either an elaborate explanation or a quote. This means each answer should have AT MIMINUM 1-2 sentences each but most may be 4-5. Each question is worth 2 points. These study guides will be a combination of classwork, homework, and partner work, but know that all answers need to be in YOUR OWN WORDS. Due dates will be announced in class. Whenever possible (i.e. most of your responses) make direct references to the text and cite page numbers

**Chapter 16: The Valley of Sorrows**

1. What is it like for the family returning to Swat after about three months?
2. Explain the quote: “In some ways, the army did not seem very different from the militants.”
3. Why does Ziauddin’s friends call it a “controlled peace, not a durable peace?”
4. After school was once again in session, some of the girls received a prized invitation - explain what this is about.
5. What are some of the firsts the girls had while in Islamabad?
6. How is Islamabad different from the village?
7. What does planting the mango seed in the garden during Ramadan represent?
8. How does General Abbas help solve Ziauddin’s problem?
9. With all the changes, why are the villagers hard on the army?
10. Cite a comparison to the floods in 2010 in Pakistan.
11. Why is this area called “the valley of sorrows?”
12. Explain theories as to why the devastation took place.
13. Why are foreign aid agencies fearful of their safety?

**Chapter 17: Praying to Be Tall**

1. Explain why Malala offered Allah a hundred *raakat nafl.*
2. Why would women often congregate at Malala’s house?
3. The courts of Swat were busy with Blasphemy Law. Define and explain what it is.
4. Identify and explain some complaints about America during this time.
5. Explain the significance of the following years: 1948, 1965, and 1971.
6. What were the mocking statements issued about the Americans sneaking into Pakistan undetected?
7. Explain how Malala kept herself busy after October 2011.
8. Why weren’t Malala’s parents completely happy with Malala being honored?
9. How did Malala spend the money she made during her public appearances?

**Chapter 18: The Woman and the Sea**

1. What do women want to gain from independence?
2. Why is Malala confused by all the fighting?
3. How do the threats arrive, and how does the family react to them?

**Chapter 19: A Private Talibanization**

1. What is the reaction of some in Swat to the girls’ school trip to the White Palace?
2. Identify and explain the strange things that began happening.
3. What does it mean when Malala turns 15?
4. How is the Taliban creeping back into the area?
5. Who is to be the next two Taliban targets?
6. Why does Ziauddin refuse security?
7. How does Ziauddin take precautions?

**Chapter 20: Who is Malala?**

1. Explain how Malala is both superstitious and religious.
2. Identify and explain examples that indicate Malala is a good student.
3. Describe the scene of the ambush.