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**The Glass Castle Study Guide**

**NYC: Chapters 1 to 5 (pages 245-261)**

1. On p. 245, when Walls says, “A blur of hurrying bodies streamed past me, leaving me feeling like a stone in a creek,” What literary device is she using? What is she trying to say about the situation?

2. What are Jeannette’s first impressions of New York City and New York? Use at least 2 specific examples from the book.

3. Describe how Jeannette’s life so far has prepared her for living in NYC.

4. While Jeannette and Lori are in NYC, how are things back in Welch? What do Jeannette and Lori want Brian to do? What is the result?

5. What is Jeannette’s attitude toward life and college? What changes her mind?

6. How does Jeannette make ends meet while in college? What does this say about her personality?

7. On p. 253, when Jeannette asks her parents why they moved to NYC and Rex says, “So we could be a family again.” Explain the irony of his response.

8. How do Rex and Rose Mary become homeless? Why don’t their previous living situations work out?

9. On p. 256, during a discussion of homelessness, what does Jeannette mean when she says, “I think that maybe sometimes people get the lives they want.”

10. Throughout the novel, Rex and Rose Mary repeatedly make choices about how to live their lives that don’t necessarily conform to societal standards (9 to 5 job, stable living situation, etc.) What do you think motivates them to live the way they do? Give specific examples of their behavior/actions/thoughts from the book to back up your conclusion.