*The Glass Castle* – an introduction

Make notes on the following during the class discussion:

What is a memoir?

What do you infer about *The Glass Castle* based on the chapter titles?



Tone and examples of words to describe it:

Questions:

1. Despite The Glass Castle portraying an incredibly difficult life, it is not a sad or depressing novel.

How does Walls achieve this tone? (What makes it not come across sad or depressing?)

1. Provide a specific example of where the tone was unexpected.
2. What word would you use to describe the tone of the novel?
3. What have we learned so far about:
* Her family life (in the present)
* Her upbringing
1. What issues are we introduced to so far in the novel?
2. Make at least 3 predictions about where you think this is all going.