

10th World Literature

Summer Reading 2019-20

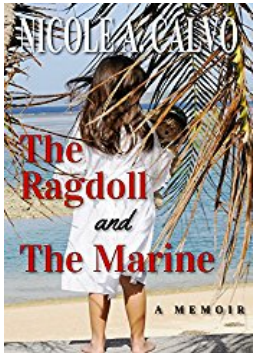
Literature brings us around the world. Through stories, plays, speeches, and videos, we are able to connect with other cultures. By viewing these varying perspectives, we can see that everyone is different, but we all share in the same human experience.

Before we embark on our literary journey around the world, it is equally as important to read literature that was written by people who are telling stories about the culture in which you live.

All incoming sophomores must read *The Ragdoll and The Marine: A Memoir* by Nicole Calvo.

About the Author

A native daughter of Guam in the Western Pacific, Nicole A. Calvo has devoted her life to perpetuating and preserving her Chamorro Heritage through her advocacy with non-profit cultural organizations. Writing has been more technical for her by way of grants, however, her love of literature spurred her to commit pen to paper and a series of poetry and short romance stories has thus been created. *The Ragdoll and The Marine: A Memoir* is her first book that captures a moment in her family history which showcased the kindness of strangers and ignited an enduring friendship.



FUN FACT: The author graduated from Notre Dame (Class of '88) & taught at our school!

Book is available to purchase as a soft cover or digital download at www.amazon.com/author/nicolecalvo

Copies may also be found at local bookstores.

You must **type** these responses using proper **MLA Format**.

-12 point Times New Roman font

-Double Spaced

-MLA Heading (left justified)

-Title of Assignment (centered, plain text)

Your Name

Mrs. Fairchild

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The Written Assignment is due the first week of class. On the first day of school, I will tell you which day to turn in your responses and to bring in your object.

Written Assignment

In order to prove you have read and understood the story, you will prepare a written response consisting of 3 paragraphs and 3 questions.

Paragraph 1: Write a plot summary of the novel. Make sure to cover the beginning, middle, & end!

Paragraph 2: In what ways can you relate to the novel? Consider the setting, Nicole's experience, Natty's experience, etc.

Paragraph 3: What is your own personal ragdoll (a symbol of hope, change, or new beginnings)? Be prepared to bring this object or a photograph of the object to class!

3 Questions: If you got a chance to meet the author, what 3 questions would you ask?

Throughout your sophomore year, we will work on developing your writing skills. But REMEMBER, **all paragraphs have topic sentences, evidence, explanations, transitions, and conclusions.** I will be looking for these things in your writing! **Make sure to PROOFREAD!**