

**Ms. Baldner's Summer Reading
For Incoming Seniors**

Text

The Liars' Club, a memoir by Mary Karr

Assignments

By the end of June:

1. Write a paragraph in which you answer these questions: Karr writes this memoir of her childhood. It can get pretty gritty. What do you think may be revealed in her story? Why?
2. Email your response to me.
3. Respond to the follow-up question I send you.

By the end July:

1. Read the first half of *The Liars' Club*.
2. Write one paragraph in which you answer these questions: How would you characterize Karr's relationship with her sister, Lecia? Does it change as the book progresses?
3. Email your response to me.
4. Respond to the follow up questions I send you.

By the end of August:

1. Read the second half of *The Liars' Club*.
2. Write one paragraph in which you answer these questions: A major theme running through *The Liars' Club* is the difference between Mary Karr's parents. "With Mother," Karr writes, "I always felt on the edge of something new, something never before seen or read about or bought, something that would change us.... With Daddy and his friends, I always knew what would happen and that left me feeling a sort of dreamy safety." Karr's mother is artistic and glamorous, while her father is down-to-earth. How do these contrasts lay the foundation for the Karr's family life? Did you empathize with one parent more than the other? Did your feelings change as the book went on and more was revealed about them?
3. Email your response to me.
4. Respond to the follow up questions I send you.

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