

7th Grade PACE Summer Reading Assignment

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson

While reading the book, keep a spiral notebook, and complete the assignments in the order listed below. Do not write anything on the front cover of the notebook. Write your name inside the front cover in the top left-hand corner. Before you begin work in your notebook, number all the pages (front pages only) in the top right corner. (Do not write on the back of any of the pages unless absolutely necessary.)

Leave Page one (1) blank. Begin the following assignments on page 2

- I. Title, Author, Picture representing the book (be sure to color the whole page)
- II. Primary Sources
 - A. Define a primary source using a dictionary and/or internet sources.
 - B. As you read the book, identify 5 primary sources throughout the book and put a Post-It Note on the page of the book where the primary source is found. (Keep this marked in the book until the beginning of the school year. We will use these pages again.)
 - C. List the page # and a brief explanation for the 5 primary sources that you found. Write these on the page below the definition of Primary Source.
- III. Read the "Prologue" on pages 1-8. These pages introduce the two main historical figures in the book. Use the next two pages for each person. Make a list of the following:
 - A. Details of why the person is important;
 - B. One quote from the person;
 - C. Physical description of the person;
- IV. Vocabulary – Conspirator (p. 8), Assassinate (p. 26), Avenge (p. 43), Accomplice (p. 73), Investigate (p. 81), Detective (p. 91), Sympathizer (p. 96), Execution (p. 187)
 - A. Write the word;
 - B. Copy the sentence;
 - C. Give the dictionary definition that goes with the context;
 - D. Create a sentence using the word;
 - E. Illustrate the word. Be sure to color the illustration.
- V. Answer the following questions. Your answers should be 2-3 paragraphs in length.
 - A. If you had been alive at the time of Lincoln's assassination, how do you think you would have felt? How would you have felt about John Wilkes Booth? How would you have felt about his end?
 - B. Did John Wilkes Booth accomplish his goal? Explain why or why not.
- VI. On the last page, use the two-page spread to create an advertisement for the movie of *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. (Be sure it is colored.) This advertisement should include the following:
 - A. Title of the movie (book);
 - B. Actors who will star in the movie and represent the two major characters;
 - C. Scene from the book that will be in the movie;
 - D. At least two quotes from the book;
 - E. A catchy slogan to get people to want to see the movie.

If you have questions concerning the assignment, you may email me at scardin@strong-rock.com .

The notebook is due the first Friday. You will also have a test, and an in-class assignment for the novel.

Remember to read this summer! Read! Read! Read! Keep a list of the books you read on the last page of this reading journal. You will be taking AR tests this year, and you can take tests on anything you read this summer when school starts.