



SUMMER READING
INCOMING 8TH GRADE

JTIS students,

“ The purpose of the JTIS Summer Reading Assignment is to encourage students to keep reading and thinking over summer break. You will get to choose a book from a list of titles generated by both teachers and students. There are two parts to the JTIS Summer Reading Assignment.

JTIS parents,

For the JTIS Summer Reading Assignment, your child will be choosing a text. The titles and overviews are attached. Sharing this information gives you the opportunity to preview the subject matter and content of these books. Some contain more sensitive content than others. We encourage you to read along with your child and discuss the book as you do so.

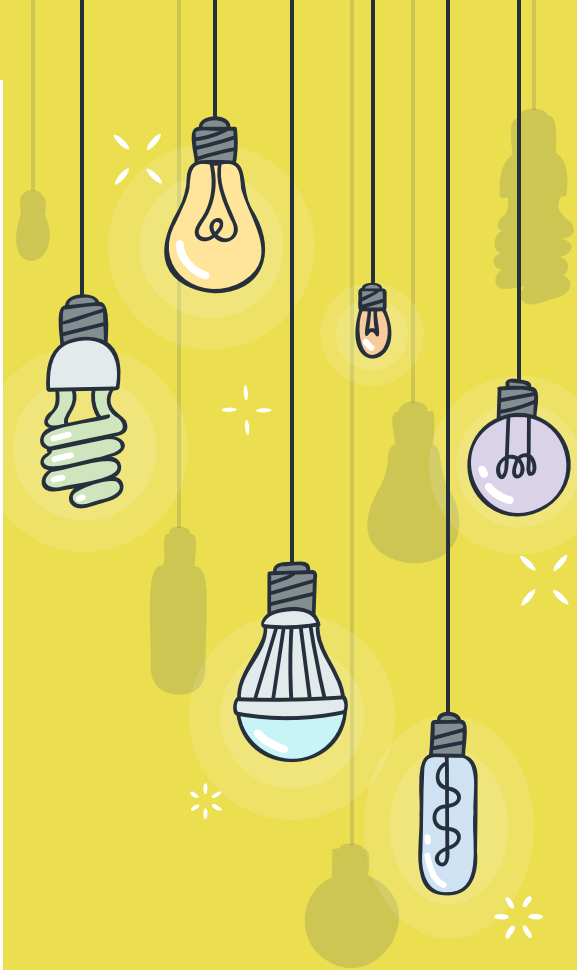


JTMS SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Part 1: Choose one title from your grade level list and read the book before the first day of school. We know that you may already be familiar with these titles or you may have seen the movie. Maybe you even read the book already. Remember, the goal is to keep reading and thinking. So read the book even if you saw the movie, or read the book again even if you have read it before.

Part 2: On one of the first days of school you will engage in a book club discussion with the students in your class who read the same title as you. Be prepared to talk about theme, how the characters changed, and how the book reflects current 21st century society and/or social trends.

Total Formative Points-25



Atomic Habits

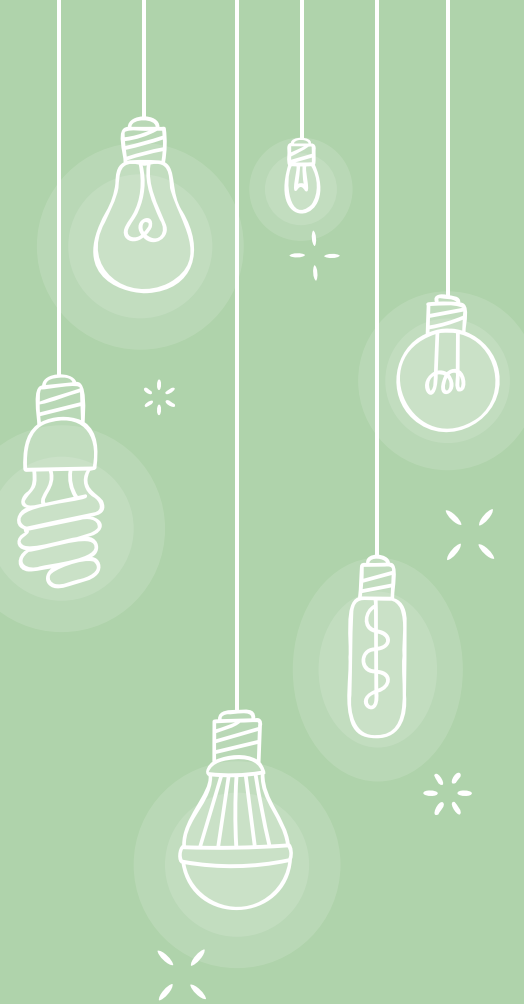
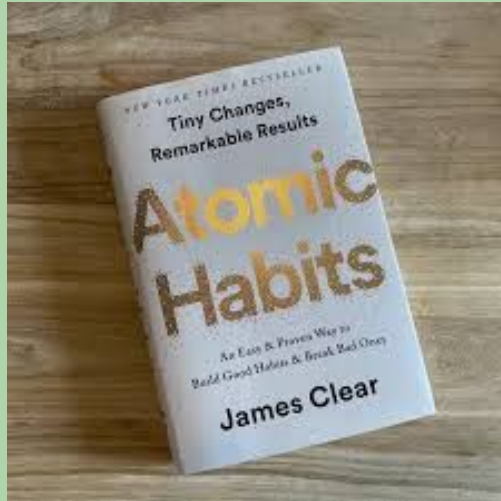
Author: Clear, James

Genre: Self Help

Brief

Atomic Habits by James Clear is a comprehensive, practical guide on how to change your habits and get 1% better every day. Using a framework called the Four Laws of Behavior Change, Atomic Habits teaches readers a simple set of rules for creating good habits and breaking bad ones.

Summary:





Matched

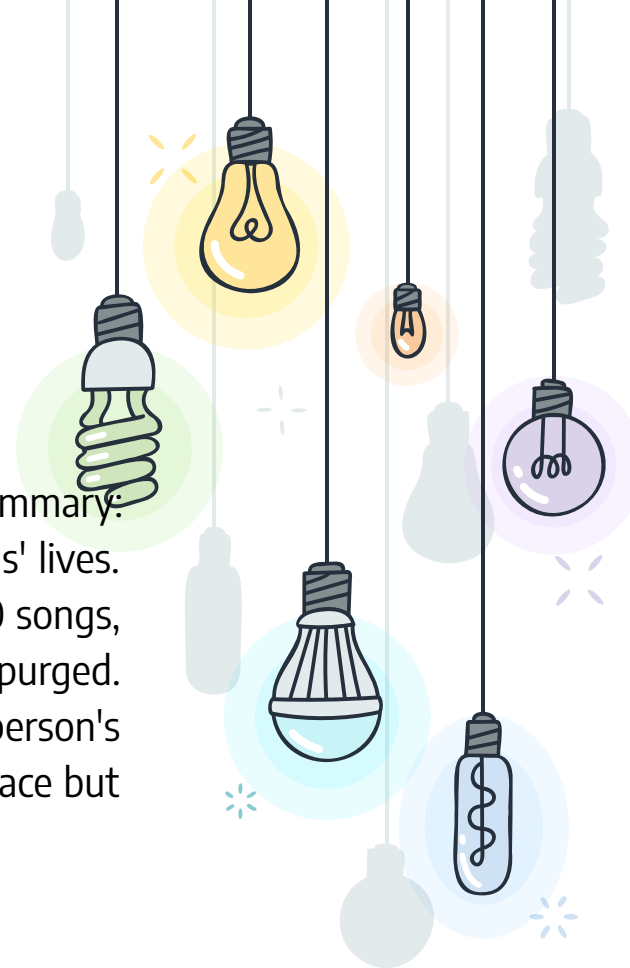
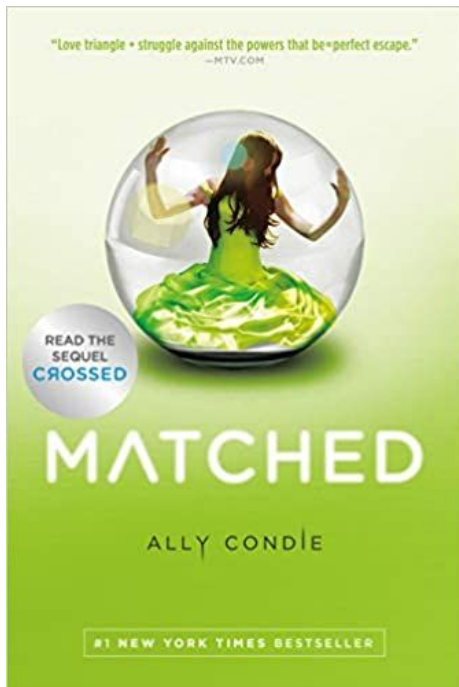
Author: Condie, Allyson

Genre: Science Fiction

Brief

The Society controls every aspect of its citizens' lives. Their food is delivered at set times. All but 100 songs, poems, and historical moments have been purged. Through matching, the Society even selects a person's mate. Somehow, though Cassia sees not one face but two when she is Matched.

Summary:



Chasing Lincoln's Killer

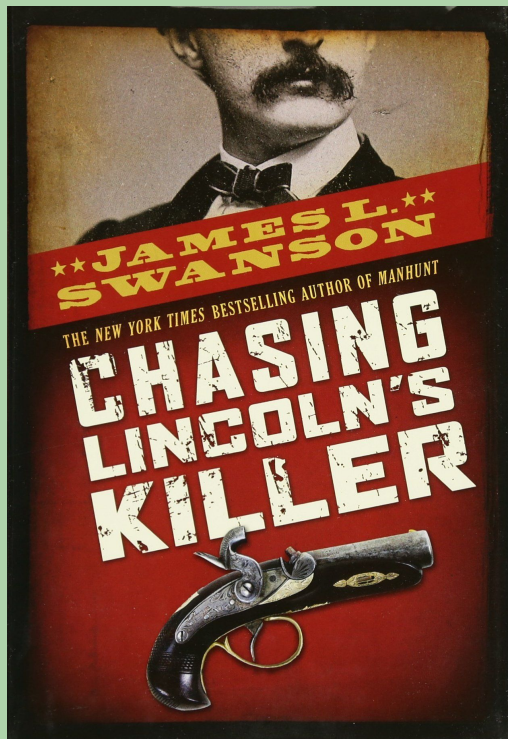
Author: Swanson, James

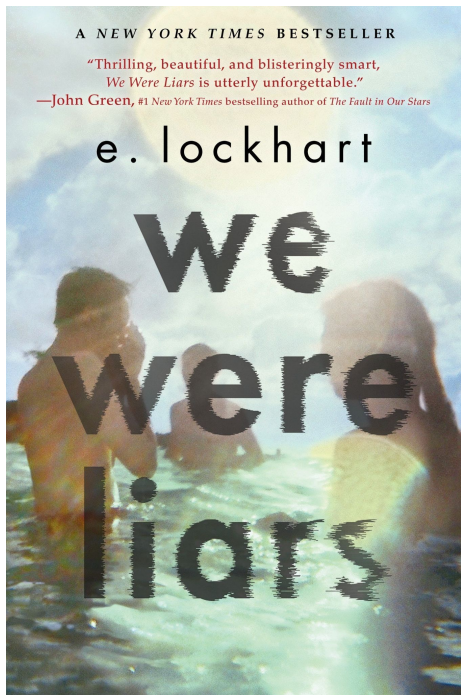
Genre: Biography

Brief

This volume is an adaptation of Swanson's Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer. Divided into 14 chapters and an epilogue, the sentences are shorter and chapters are condensed from the original but the rich details and suspense are ever present.

Summary:





We Were Liars

Author: Lockhart, E.

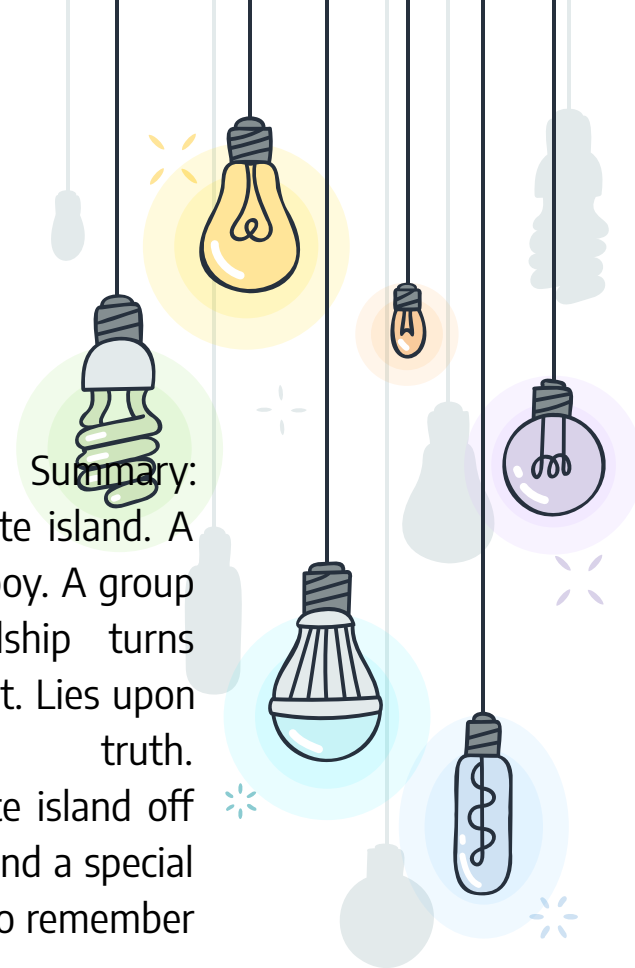
Genre: Young Adult

Brief

A beautiful and distinguished family. A private island. A brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy. A group of four friends—the Liars—whose friendship turns destructive. A revolution. An accident. A secret. Lies upon lies. True love. The truth.

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

Summary:



Cover-up: Mystery at the Super Bowl



Author: Feinstein, John

Genre: Mystery

Brief

THE SUPER BOWL. America's biggest sports spectacle. More than 95 million fans will be watching, but fledgling fourteen-year-old sports reporters Steve Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson know that what they'll be watching is a lie. They know that the entire offensive line of the California Dreams have failed their drug tests and that the Dreams' owner is trying to cover up the test results. These two teens are sitting on the biggest sports scandal of the decade. What they don't know -yet - is how to prove it.

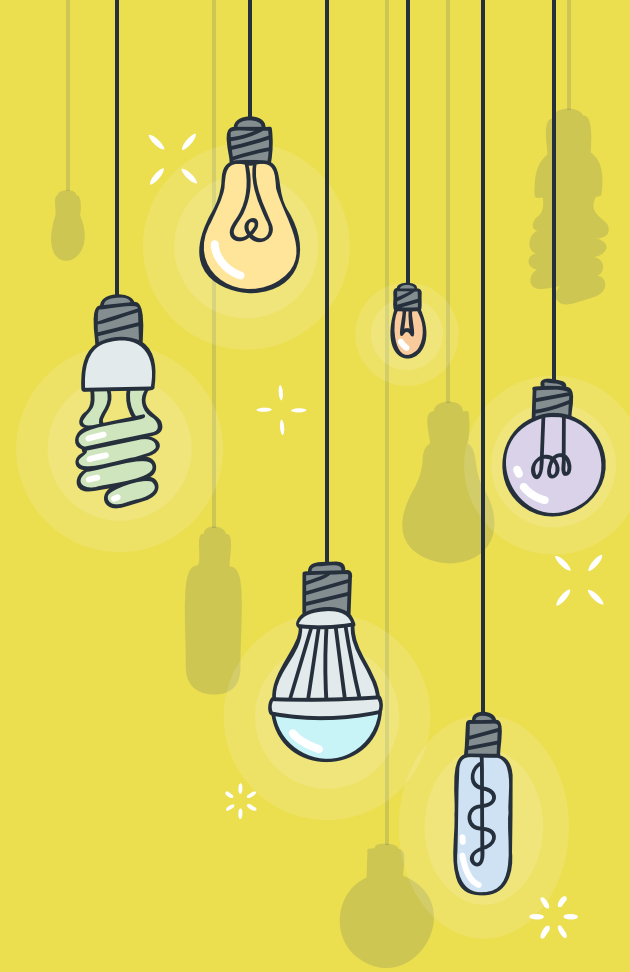
Summary:





Book Club Discussion Rubric	Score Point 5 The student response	Score Point 3 The student response	Score Point 1 The student response
Thinking and Talking like Experts Total Possible Points-5	Interprets themes & applies to life; Connects to characters & other texts- critiques and analyzes the character's actions; Critiques texts and author's techniques; Uses literature terms & academic expression	Provide some interpretations and applications to life; Use some literature terms & academic expressions; Shows some deep thinking	Remains at retell level; Gives few or no interpretation; Fails to extend conversation; Avoids literature terms & academic expressions
Building On and/or Challenging Ideas Total Possible Points-5	Generates logical theme(s); Stays on topic; Builds on one another's comments.	Mostly stays on topic with a few tangents; Demonstrates some building of an idea.	Rarely connects or builds on ideas; Uses disconnected, random ideas; Goes off on many tangents.
Supporting Ideas with Explanations & Examples Total Possible Points-5	Supports ideas and opinions with examples from text, life, and previous discussions; Clearly explains and elaborates on ideas.	Provides some support of ideas with examples and clarifications; Uses some prompts to encourage support.	Provides little or no support of ideas and themes; Fails to use appropriate prompting.
Paraphrasing Total Possible Points-5	Paraphrases partner ideas to clarify, deepen, and stay focused; Synthesizes key points	Offers some paraphrasing and synthesizing of key ideas	Offers little or no paraphrasing and synthesizing.
Communicating Behaviors Total Possible Points-5	Actively listens, takes turns, values and respects partner comments.	Uses some appropriate listening and turn-taking behaviors.	Fails to focus on partner; interrupts; Dominates conversation or does not contribute at all.

Total Possible Points-25





Click on the Fill-in Guide for Fiction and Nonfiction to help organize notes from the book

[Summer Reading Fiction Assignment Fill-In Guide](#)

[Summer Reading Nonfiction Assignment Fill-In Guide](#)

