



Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson

While reading the book, keep a notebook (I have ordered these for you.) with the following information: (The notebook should be kept in the order 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.)

- I. Title, Author, Picture representing the book (be sure to color the whole page)
- II. Primary Sources
 - A. Define a primary source.
 - 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 half the page 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. Illustrate the word. Be sure to color it.
- V. Pick two of the following questions to answer in essay format. 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. What historical event which occurred in your lifetime reminds you of something that happened in *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*? How are they the same? How are they different?
 - C. Did John Wilkes Booth accomplish his goal? Explain why or why not.
- VI. On the last page, create an advertisement for the movie of *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. (Be sure it is colored.) You can use the 2-page spread if you would like to make it bigger

If you have questions concerning the assignment, you may email me at scardin@strong-rock.com or text me at 678-794-3979. I check emails weekly during the summer.

The notebook is due Friday, August 6th, 2021. You will also have a test, and an in-class assignment for the novel.

Remember to read this summer! Read! Read! Read! You will be taking AR tests this year, and you can take tests on anything you read this summer when school starts.