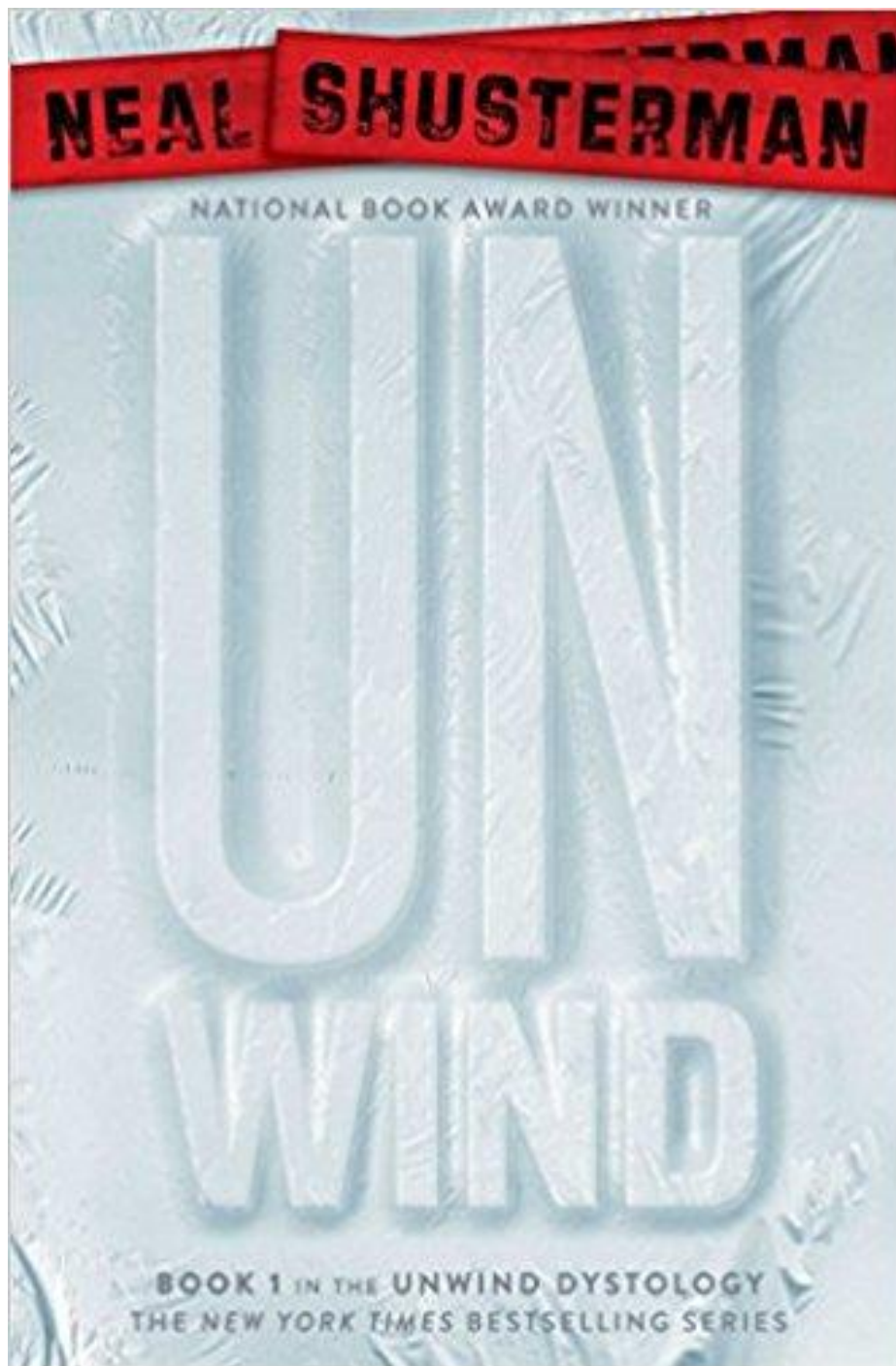


10th GRADE SUMMER READER READING GUIDE



CHARACTERS

Write the character's names and a brief description to help you remember and review.

Chapter One - Connor

1. How does Connor find out he is being 'unwound'?
2. Why do you think the trucker wants to help Connor?
3. What do you think Connor must have felt at seeing his father with the Juvey-cops?

Chapter Two - Risa

(Don't forget to add to your characters list)

1. How many mistakes does Risa make in her recital?
2. What are two reasons the adults at Risa's tribunal give for unwinding her?
3. What hurts Risa the most of all about being unwound?
4. Why do you think that Risa is being unwound over all the other children at the State Home?
5. Do you think Risa is brave when she runs for the door of the bus?

Chapter Three - Lev

1. Is Marcus right to disrupt Lev's party like that?
2. According to Lev, what is the difference between being unwound and being an Unwind?
3. What signs are there that Lev is not entirely comfortable with being a tithe?
4. What colour does Lev wear that singles him out from other people?
5. Who abducts Lev at the end of the chapter?



THINK ABOUT IT.....

Chapter Five

Why did the author include a chapter from the cop's point of view?

Chapter Seven

Who do you think Humphrey Dunfee is? What clues are you given about him?

Chapter Eight

How does Risa feel about Connor and how does her opinion change by the end of the chapter?

Chapter 9 – Mother

What does this chapter teach you about the society of the novel? What is wrong / right with it?

Chapter 19 – Connor

Why do you think this chapter is so long?

Chapter 22 – Risa

1. Why are the people in charge of the 'holding pen' where the Unwinds wait together called the 'Fatigues'?
2. Who is the "Akron AWOL"? Why do the other Unwinds talk about him?
3. What important thing does Risa learn about Connor's behavior? (pg. 145)

Chapter 23 – Connor

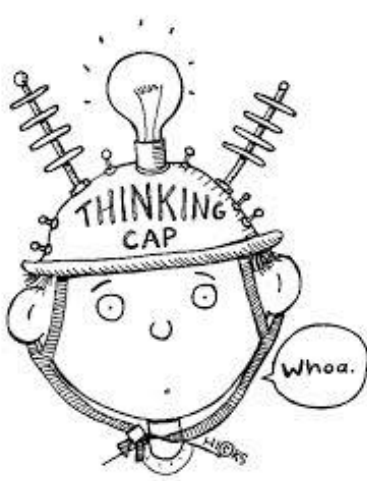
You find out the reason Connor has been looking for Lev. What is that reason? What does it tell us about Connor as a person?

Chapter 24 – Risa

The incident with Roland is quite frightening but something bothers Risa more than that – what is it?

Chapter 25 – Connor

What evidence can you gather that Connor is maturing?



Pondering.....

1. How would YOU behave if suddenly all the rules of 'normal' society were removed and you had nothing to lose?
2. How would you feel at being locked up like that in a holding pen, not knowing what was going on around you or if you might be discovered at any moment?



This may hurt.....

Chapter 27 – Connor

How does Connor escape being put in the crate with Roland?

Chapter 28 – Risa

This is the first impression you get of The Admiral. Write down what your impression of him is.

Chapter 32 – The Admiral

Why has the author included the list of the Admiral's rules in this chapter?

Chapter 33 – Risa

What does Risa say the Admiral has done for her?

Chapter 34 – Connor

How does Connor react to Lev's arrival? Why does he react this way?

Chapter 35 – Lev

What is the group's philosophy for doing what they mysteriously do? Do you think this is a good reason?

Chapter 36 – Risa

1. How is Risa and Connor's relationship developed further in this chapter?
2. How does Risa feel about Lev in this chapter?

Chapter 37 – Emby and the Admiral

What do we find out about the Admiral in this chapter?

Chapter 38 – Mob

1. Why is this chapter called Mob?
2. What does the Admiral's arm ache indicate?

Chapter 43 – Mob

What gives the mob its power?

Chapter 44 – Connor

Why doesn't Roland respond to Connor's question?

Chapter 47 – First Year Residents

Why does Roland want the Juvey-Cops to come?

Chapter 48 – Risa

What do Connor & Risa have now that they did not have at the start of the novel?

Chapter 52 – Risa

Why are the questions Risa is being asked so disturbing?

Chapter 53 – Connor

Why are the tithes treated differently compared to everyone else?

Chapter 57 – Lev

How has Lev's attitude towards tithing changed since the very start of the story?

Chapter 58 – Connor

Are you pleased that Connor and Risa are finally together?

Chapter 59 – Roland

1. Why is Roland being denied a priest?
2. What is disturbing about the way the Chop Shop is sound proof?

Chapter 61 – Roland

1. Why do they keep the unwinds alive during the unwinding process?
2. What is particularly upsetting about the doctor's behaviour at the end of the surgery?

Chapter 64 – Connor

1. Why has Connor been singled out for unwinding?
2. Do you think the way Connor faces his unwinding is brave? Or do you think he has given up?

Chapter 67 – Risa

What does Risa think Connor has changed into at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 69 – Unwinds

1. Do you think it is fitting that Connor has taken over the Graveyard?
2. Is the final message of the novel a positive one? Why?



Let's review.....

What does it mean to be unwound?

Why would a parent choose to have their child unwound? Do you think most parents feel guilty about this?

