

DREAMS Academy Summer Reading Assignment

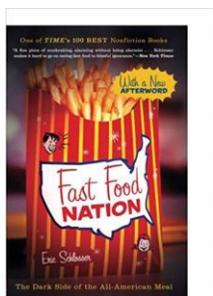
Our first unit of the year focuses on macromolecules and nutrition. Accordingly, our summer reading assignment will focus on the evolution of nutrition in America by reading the book *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser. You will read this book, paying particular attention to how Americans' dietary habits have changed over the last century, and complete a double-entry journal (see details below).

As you read, record any descriptions, actions, or statements regarding American dietary habits in a three-column journal (example set-up below). Write down the passage, the page on which the passage can be found, and an explanation or comment about the citation. Especially pay attention to the changes in nutrition/diet throughout the course of the book. Your log should contain a minimum of 15-20 entries and may be handwritten or typed. Be sure to choose entries from *throughout* the book, not just from the first part of the book.

Passage Pg.

Response

<p>“Jem threw open the gate and sped to the side of the house, slapped it with his palm and ran back past us, not waiting to see if his foray was successful. Dill and I followed on his heels. Safely on our porch, panting and out of breath, we looked back.</p> <p>The old house was the same, droopy and sick, but as we stared down the street we thought we saw an inside shutter move. Flick. A tiny, almost invisible movement, and the house was still.”</p> <p>18-19</p>	<p>After Jem touches the Radley house, the children see movement inside the house. I think this is Boo Radley, which means that he's been watching the children playing outside of his house. It seems to indicate that Boo is interested in the children. The question then arises: is he the "malevolent phantom" that people claim he is or is Boo just lonely?</p>
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<https://www.amazon.com/Fast-Food-Nation-Dark-All-American/dp/0547750331>

In 2001, "Fast Food Nation" was published to critical acclaim and became an international bestseller. Eric Schlosser's expose revealed how the fast food industry has altered the landscape of America, widened the gap between rich and poor, fueled an epidemic of obesity, and transformed food production throughout the world. The book changed the way millions of people think about what they eat and helped to launch today's food movement.

In a new afterword for this edition, Schlosser discusses the growing interest in local and organic food, the continued exploitation of poor workers by the food industry, and the need to ensure that every American has access to good, healthy, affordable food. "Fast Food Nation" is as relevant today as it was a decade ago. The book inspires readers to look beneath the surface of our food system, consider its impact on society and, most of all, think for themselves.