



Required Summer Reading 2020-2021

The Chocolate Touch

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If he could, John Midas would eat nothing but chocolate all the time, and he'd never share it with anyone. Then one day, John finds a strange coin on the sidewalk and uses it to buy a box of chocolate at a mysterious new candy store.

Suddenly, everything John's lips touch turns to chocolate! Chocolate toothpaste and chocolate water fountains are great, but things get complicated when John can't play the trumpet or bob for apples. Worst of all, he forgets and kisses his mother!

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1. Who is the main character of the story? Explain how you came to the conclusion that this was the main character.

2. John loves candy. Name all the types or candy John loves.

3. Why does John refuse the extra money his mother offers him to buy chocolates?

4. Who is named Cranium in the story? Why is it an appropriate name for the person?

5. Why does John hide the box under the bed at home?

6. What is unusual about the coin John found?

7. Explain the events that led John to believe something was wrong. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

8. Describe all the changes that begin happening to John. What do you think people will say if John tells them about the magic?

9. List four rules you think John should follow.

10. What lesson is John learning from his experience with chocolate? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

11. John has developed a new fear. Explain his new fear and how it has affected him.

12. Why does John become angry with Miss Plimsole, Mrs. Quaver, the school and Susan?

13. There is a saying, "things went from bad to worse." How would that apply to John?

14. How is chocolate made? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

15. A series of events lead to the solution to John's big problem. In your own words, describe the events that led to the solution. (include only important events)
