

Eleventh Grade Burns



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discuss Vlad's loyalty to Joss. How is he able to still believe in their friendship despite the fact that Joss is determined to carry out his orders from the Slayer Society?
- Joss mentions more than once throughout the course of the series that it was his fault his sister Cecile died. Is there truth to his belief? Do you think Joss ever regrets becoming a Slayer?
- When Vlad sees Otis on the hunt in New York, he reflects that "the real Otis" and "the vampire Otis" are two different people. What do you think he means by this? Do you agree?
- Vlad says he feels "a strange sort of connection" to Dorian, even though Dorian has repeatedly tried to drink Vlad's blood. What do you think he means by this?
- When Vlad sees Joss and Meredith dancing at the Snow Ball he begins to think that "maybe he hadn't been a big part of their lives. Maybe they'd just been a big part of his." What does he mean by this? Do you agree?



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- Why does Vlad question his relationship with Meredith? Do you think they're well-suited? Is he really the loser he thinks he is? Do you think people are really, deep down, afraid of him, as Vlad believes?
- In this book, Vlad and Henry switch roles in certain respects. Vlad gets a girlfriend and becomes Henry's protector. What effect does this role reversal have on their friendship?
- Exactly what power does being the vampire who made Henry into a drudge give Vlad? How does he choose to use this powers? Do you agree with his decisions?
- Why do you think Vlad's father's journal contained a ritual to destroy him?
- Vlad is very conflicted about feeding from the source. How does he deal with his cravings? Do you think he'll change his habits going forward? Why do you think he keeps his meetings with Snow a secret from Otis?



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- Discuss the role betrayal plays in this novel.
- What does Vlad learn from the *Compendium of Conscientia*?
- In your opinion, are Henry's actions as Vlad's drudge a result of the bond Vlad created or a result of their friendship?
- Who is Vikas? Why does Otis take Vlad to visit him in Siberia? What happens during this visit that changes Vlad?
- Compare and contrast Vikas and Tristian to Vlad and Henry.
- Describe Vlad's friendship with Joss. How is it different from Vlad's friendship with Henry?
- Vlad tells Joss, "You fear what you don't understand." Discuss this statement and how it applies to the book and to your own life.



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- What does Vlad learn from the passages he reads in his father's journal?
- How does meeting Mr. Otis change life in Bathory for Vlad?
- As Otis asks Vlad's class to do, research creatures that our society believes to be mythical, including werewolves, vampires, and witches. Are there any truths to their legends? Where and how did they start?
- Otis tells Vlad that vampires invented cities, Latin, chess, and PlayStation. What other pieces of our world do you think the vampires in this book could have been responsible for creating? Why?
- What is the significance of the mark that Otis gives Vlad?



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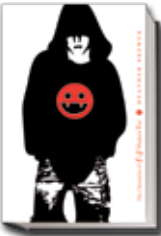
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ABOUT THE BOOKS



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Junior high really stinks for thirteen-year-old Vladimir Tod. Bullies harass him, the principal is dogging him, and the girl he likes prefers his best friend. Oh, and Vlad has a secret: his mother was human, but his father was a vampire. With no idea of the extent of his powers and no one to teach him, Vlad struggles daily with his blood cravings and his enlarged fangs. When a strange substitute teacher begins to question him a little too closely, Vlad worries that his cover is about to be blown. But then he realizes that he has a much bigger problem: he's being hunted by a vampire killer who is closing in . . . fast!



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igh school is turning out to be a real drain for Vladimir Tod. Needless to say, practicing his vampire skills hasn't exactly been a priority for Vlad—until now. A monumental trip to Siberia with Uncle Otis is Vlad's crash course in Vampire 101. Training alongside the most gifted vampires is exactly what Vlad needs to sharpen those mind-controlling skills he's been avoiding. And he'd better get it right, because the battle brewing back home with the slayer who's been stalking him could be Vlad's last.



Tenth Grade Bleeds

It's another sucky year at Bathory High for Vladimir Tod. The evil vampire D'Ablo is hunting for a ritual that could steal Vlad's powers. His best friend, Henry, doesn't want to be his drudge anymore. His girlfriend, Meredith, seems to like him, but for the invincible life of him Vlad can't figure out why. And worst of all, it's getting harder for Vlad to resist feeding on the people around him—even those he holds most dear. He needs to act fast if he wants to stay alive, and even his Pravus powers won't save him this time . . .



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Otis awaiting trial, Vlad seeks the help of a mysterious and powerful vampire, Dorian. Unfortunately, Dorian has a taste for Vlad's rare blood and on top of that, Joss is back in Bathory with strict orders from the Slayer Society to eliminate Vlad once and for all. More alarming still, D'Ablo has somehow secured a seat on the Council of Elders. With death threatening from all sides, Vlad will have to use all of his skill and training to survive his junior year. But nothing can prepare him for what awaits him at the end . . .

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



HEATHER BREWER, the creator of *The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod*, was not your typical teen growing up, and she's certainly not your typical adult now. Her favorite colors are black and black and she insists that growing older is mandatory, but growing up is optional. She believes it's quite possible that vampires are running our world's governments. She lives in Missouri with her husband and two children.

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SERIES DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions can be used in discussions of any of the four titles in The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod series.

- How does Vlad's view of Elysia and the vampire world change throughout the series? What influences this?
- Vlad is greatly affected by the loss of his parents. Talk about how not having them around for guidance, company, and love influences his life, the decisions he makes, and his development as both a teenager and a vampire.
- Discuss Vlad's relationship with Nelly. Why do you think she is able to be as accepting of Vlad (and of his parents) as she is? Do you think she's more of a mother, friend, or older sister to Vlad? Explain your reasoning.
- Vlad, Otis, and Vlad's father all have a different opinion of humans than is accepted by Elysia. Which position do you agree with more? What do you think would happen if vampires and humans were allowed to intermingle openly and freely?
- Throughout the series, Vlad encounters many examples of bullying by both teenagers and adults, including situations where he is the victim and situations where he comes to another person's aid. How does he deal with these encounters? Would you have handled the situations differently? How?
- Eddie Poe has some definite suspicions about Vlad's true nature. What do you think his motives are for constantly sneaking around after Vlad? What—if anything—do you think he'll be able to prove? Are there other students or members of the community who have their own suspicions that Vlad might be different from them? Explain your theories.
- Do you believe Vlad to be the Pravus? Discuss whether or not you think the prophecy will hold true or whether you think Vlad will be able to influence its outcome with his actions and decisions, as Otis suggests.

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