

Insurgent Study Guide

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Plot Summary

"Insurgent" by Veronica Roth is the second book in the Divergent trilogy. The sequel begins with Tris, Caleb, Tobias (aka Four), Peter, and Marcus on a train headed toward Amity where they hope to take refuge, at least for one night. If anyone will offer shelter, it will be Amity. Still struggling with the death of Will, at her own hands, Tris cuts her hair signifying her final transition to a Dauntless identity.

Arriving at the Amity compound, the group meets Johanna Reyes, a beautiful woman marred by a large scar on her face. Johanna is the spokeswoman for the compound. The group fears that they might be turned away and captured by Dauntless and Erudite gunmen. However, Johanna tells them that Amity has decided to offer sanctuary to each of the factions and that the group will be welcome to stay for the night. A vote will be taken by Amity to determine whether they will be allowed to stay longer.

The next morning, Tris wakes and finds she is wearing the same clothes as the previous night. She spots the corner of the hard drive peeking out from its hiding place. The drive stores the simulation data that controls the Dauntless and the records of the Erudite faction's activities. Tris would like to destroy it. Instead, she keeps it hidden because it stores the only information about her parents' deaths. She and Tobias have determined that they must locate Marcus, Tobias's father, who knows more than he's telling.

At Amity, Tris is reunited with old friends such as Susan, who is a very caring woman. Susan tells most of what she knows. Yet, Tris feels like Susan is holding something back. The next night Peter tries to steal the hard disk from Tris, but Tris retaliates and nearly kills Peter in the ensuing fight. This is forbidden within Amity's safe haven and Tris is subjected to a dose of 'peace serum' which renders her unable to think clearly. The Amity council determine that the group have overstayed their welcome and must leave the next day.

As they are readying themselves to leave members from the Erudite city arrive with a group of Dauntless who've agreed to work with them to hunt down Tris and her group of divergent thinkers. A large fight ensues and Tris's group manages to escape by jumping on a train headed to the places where only the factionless live. The factionless are those who were never assigned a group to live with. Living displaced and homeless it was assumed that there weren't that many of them, and that, for the most part, they were a fringe element. However, when they arrive and are taken to factionless safe houses, they not only learn that the factionless number is in the thousands, but that their leader is none other than Tobias's mother, Evelyn. Evelyn, whom Tobias was told was dead all these years, has a plan to take back the city and to do away with the faction system.

Tris decides that she can trust some of those living in the Candor community (mainly because of her friendship with Christina a former Candor member). But, once she is there she is betrayed and is considered a rebel. They subject her to a truth serum in a live forum and her memories and knowledge are laid bare for all to see. When she



confesses that she killed Will, her friend Christina who was in love with Will, knows the truth. Though Christina understands that Will wasn't acting of his own accord, she blames Tris for not disabling him as opposed to killing him. Tris feels the same way and blames herself for her actions. Despondent, Tris considers ending her troubles by jumping out of a window to her death.

It is her relationship with Tobias (Four) that makes her back away from the window. He convinces her that together they can right the ship and that it will take both of them working with his mother and the factionless to make it work. They are still determined to locate Marcus and force him to tell them the truth about the faction system and how they all came to be where they find themselves. She reunites with Uriah, Marlene, and Lynn who have been living with the Candor for a short while. Before they can formulate a plan the compound is stormed by the renegade Dauntless soldiers lead by Eric. Eric manages to capture Tris but she gets in a good lick by stabbing him with her knife before she is knocked unconscious.

At the center of everything is the Erudite leader, Jeanine, whom Tris's brother, Caleb has aligned himself with. The leader of the Candor sect sets up a meeting to mediate a peace plan between the factions. This includes Jeanine, Kang, and Eric. Tris and Tobias spy on them and when Jack meets with Max (Jeanine's right hand man) Lynn kills him. Lynn's sister is shot in the process and Peter betrays them all by siding with Jeanine and getting her out of the building unharmed.

Tori and Zeke return to the new Dauntless compound and are almost killed. They convince everyone that they were just acting as spies and they give them valuable intel on Jeanine's plans. They find, capture, and kill Eric so that no more Dauntless soldiers will have to be experimented on or used by Erudites. They can now reclaim their old compound, which they do. Tobias and Tris's relationship grows deeper.

Meanwhile, Tobias is trying to wrap his mind around the fact that his mother is still alive. He introduces Tris to her with the hope that Tris will be able to discern what Evelyn's ultimate agenda might be. Tris's assessment is less than flattering and it upsets Tobias, who argues with her assessment. They argue and become estranged.

Jeanine activates a sim drug in one of their group members, Marlene, who jumps to her death. An ultimatum is issued: bring Tris to Erudite headquarters or more Dauntless will be activated to commit suicide. Tris decides to give Jeanine what she wants. When Jeanine has Tris she runs massive tests, many of them painful, on Tris and determines that Tris's brain chemistry and structure is different from most others' brains. This has allowed her to be a divergent thinker. The conclusion she comes to is that Tris must be executed. Peter assists Jeanine in the experiments on Tris, as does Caleb, Tris's brother.

In a daring rescue, facilitated by Caleb and Tobias, Tris is rescued and taken to the factionless compound. Here, she finds that she must make a choice between following either Tobias's mother's plan to storm the Erudite headquarters, or assist Marcus who wants to retrieve the data from Jeanine that explains the entire Divergent experiment.



Faking illness and injury, Tris opts to help Marcus, even though she knows that eventually Tobias will see it as a betrayal (he and his father dislike one another).

Along with Marcus, Tris, Tori, and Cara (Will's sister) manage to make it into the Erudite headquarters and upload the data to a drive. They had hoped to take Jeanine alive to interrogate but Tori stabs Jeanine because she had previously killed her brother. Simultaneously the Factionless/Dauntless assault on the headquarters commences and the building is overrun.

While celebrating back at their factionless headquarters, Evelyn unveils her ultimate plan: eliminate the faction system once and for all. Marcus, Johanna and Tris show up with the data that they've retrieved. A woman is on the tape, a woman calling herself Edith Prior talks about a grand experiment to save humanity. The woman on the tape looks like a much younger version of Tris's mother. She explains that mankind was destroying itself in many pointless and devastating wars. They were sectioned off to see how mankind might develop, knowing that one day evolution would help them save themselves by producing divergent thinkers. The entire experiment was to produce divergent thinkers. It is revealed that Jeanine knew this all along as she was also one of the experiment's founders, but loved her position and power too much to let the experiment succeed.

Her words on the screen shock everyone, especially Tris and Tobias, who've reconciled. They realize that the divergent, like themselves, were destined to play a greater role in the salvation of mankind.



Chapters 1-6

Summary

Chapter 1

Tris wakes and her first thought is of Will. She is on a train with Caleb, Tobias (aka Four), Peter and Marcus. The group is headed toward Amity. Near the compound, they jump from the train. Tris' arm is badly injured, as is Peter's arm. The group arrives at the gates to the city. The fence is sturdy and there is no way to climb it. Tobias approaches the security panel and punches in a code. It is the same code as when he had worked in security. The gate opens.

Once inside the compound, they see Johanna Reyes, a beautiful woman marred by a large scar on her face. Johanna is the spokeswoman for Amity. The group fears that they might be turned away. Johanna tells them that Amity has decided to offer sanctuary to each of the factions and that the group will be welcome to stay for the night.

Johanna sends Peter to be tended to by medical staff while she gives Tris a salve for her shoulder. Tris is also given something to help her go to sleep.

Chapter 2

Tris wakes and finds she is wearing the same clothes as the previous night. She spots the corner of the hard drive peeking out from its hiding place. She would like to destroy the drive, but she knows that it stores the only record of her parents' deaths. It also controls the Dauntless and keeps track of the Erudites' activities.

Tobias comes to Tris' room to bring clothes for her to wear while at the Amity compound. The clothes are too large but Tris is still grateful to have them.

Shortly after Tris has showered, Susan comes to Tris' room. She apologizes about the clothes. Susan offers to help Tris with her hair and to put on her shoes. Tris gratefully accepts the offer. Not long after Susan leaves, Tris undoes her braid and cuts her hair.

The group meets with Johanna. Johanna says the Amity have taken a vote on the concept of sanctuary. Tris is annoyed by the procedures used by Amity when making a decision. It is a true democracy. Tobias explains that democracy takes place over efficiency in their culture.

Johanna tells the group that Amity has decided to use the faction headquarters as a safe house for members of all factions. However, there are four conditions. The first condition is that no weapons are allowed on the compound. The second is that any serious verbal or physical conflict will result in all parties being asked to leave. Third, no conflict may be discussed within the compound's boundaries. Finally, everyone who stays at the safe house must contribute by working. Johanna goes on to say that the



Erudite, Candor, and Dauntless will be informed of Amity's decision and the conditions for members of factions as soon as possible.

Chapter 3

Tris overhears Johanna speaking to Marcus. They discuss the fact that Jeanine made the attack and that it is still unknown what she was attempting to steal. Marcus plays dumb to Johanna's questions. Johanna says it is important for the factions to trust each other and that Marcus should come to her when he changes his mind about sharing information. Tris recalls overhearing Marcus and others talking about information that the Abnegation would die to protect and that the Erudite would kill to have.

Tris goes to Tobias' room to find him throwing knives at cheese. Caleb is with Tobias. Caleb leaves and Tris tells about the conversation she overheard between Marcus and Johanna. Tobias thinks Marcus is just trying to appear smarter and more powerful than he is. Tris doesn't think so.

Tobias says the group should return to the city to find out if there is more information that will help to destroy the Erudite.

Chapter 4

Caleb talks about his fascination with the water filtration system used at the compound. The topic bores Tris but she listens politely. She is just glad that Caleb has left Erudite and is with them. Caleb is trying to make himself useful to them which causes him to often get in the way more than help.

Marcus arrives and tells the group that he wants to return to the city, to his own faction. They agree that the group will leave the day after tomorrow. What is interesting to note is that all of the Dauntless have been given Amity clothing to wear, in essence, to help them blend in. However, if Amity is offering amnesty to everyone, why have them wear different clothing? Tris believes that it is an effort to ease any discomfort that anyone might feel toward other factions. In other words, if everyone looked the same, then they will get along.

This assumption is put to the test the next day.

Chapter 5

Tris follows Marcus into the orchard and decides to confront him. When she does, Marcus treats her with utter contempt. Tris wants to know the purpose of Jeanine's attack. Tris believes that Jeanine was trying to steal information, important information from the Abnegation. Marcus sneers at Tris and asks why he should tell her anything. Tris says her father died and wants to know if his death was justified. Marcus says yes. Tris says she can help Marcus retrieve the information from Jeanine. Marcus says Tris has no skill and her successes thus far are nothing more than happenstance.



Tris returns to her room. After having a bad dream, she goes to Tobias' room. She finally allows herself to cry. Tris spends the night in Tobias' room. They both confess that though they love each other and are attracted to one another that neither one are yet ready to take it any further physically just yet. The theme of Love in this scene illustrates that it is nurturing and does not seek to harm or hurt, which is what Tobias had been taught by his father's abuse when he was younger. Here the reader sees him able to trust and let in at least one person.

Chapter 6

Tris returns to her room after breakfast and finds that Peter has stolen the hard drive. Peter is his usual arrogant self and asks why Tris should be allowed to have it and leave him at the mercy of the Erudite. Tris attacks Peter. The fight is broken up and Tris is taken away and given a dose of peace serum. The serum makes her calm and happy; yet, underneath she is seething. Tris cannot figure out why she was unable to ward off the peace serum, since as a Divergent thinker she is immune to most serums.

When Tris finally comes out of her state, Tobias is waiting. Together they go to confront Johanna. Tobias accuses her of drugging the water to keep the Amity calm. Johanna denies it but warns them not to eat the bread. Tris learns that Tobias had come to check on her every hour after she was given the peace serum.

Analysis

"Insurgent" is the sequel to the first book in the Divergent series. As such, the action continues without much background information. The reader is expected to have read the first book. The time frame takes place just hours after book one ends.

Chapter 1

The story picks up as Tris has a great deal of emotion swirling around inside her. She feels guilty about Will and her parents; yet, she does not allow herself to cry because she fears she will never stop. She is hesitant about going to Amity where there may be danger. She is also intermittently confused and hesitant about her relationship with Tobias. The one thing she is not hesitant or confused about are her feelings toward Peter and Marcus. Tris despises them. Tris learns that Tobias has used the name Four to avoid being attached to Marcus. The gesture shows animosity and contempt for his father.

This initial chapter sets the tone for the rest of the book, and introduces two of the books major themes: family and love. Tobias' family life growing up had been less than stellar, while, in contrast, Tris's was loving and nurturing. This is shown to have influenced them in the development of their outlook on life and in the way they view people. Love is introduced in not only Tris's relationship with Tobias, but also chronicles the dark side of love, as evidence by Johanna's face (done to her by her former husband). Both of these aspects will come back throughout the novel.



It is interesting to note that, once again, it is a train that they use to leave the city. They are, quite literally, seeking freedom with Amity (freedom with friendship and charity). The train is used frequently throughout all of the novels and represents freedom for any who dare to take the leap of faith that it takes to get aboard.

Chapter 2

When Tris arrives at Amity, one of her main concerns is to hide the hard drive that contains information regarding the secret of the factions, the reason her parents were killed. However, there is another reason Tris is protective of the hard drive: it contains the last moments of her parents' lives. If the hard drive is stolen or damaged, Tris fears losing the last link she has to her family. The thought is unbearable. Holding on to the disk reinforces the theme of family as an anchoring point, a reservoir of strength, which it becomes for Tris.

The theme of Faction or segregation is introduced in this chapter, too. Amity has decided to offer amnesty to any faction member that wishes to come, regardless of where they come from or their circumstances. Tris is not sold on the idea of democracy because it slows things down and efficiency is lowered.

Chapter 3-4

The conditions set forth by the Amity shows the stark contrast between the Dauntless and the Amity, a peace loving people. Both Tris and Tobias know they won't be able to remain at the compound for long. The reader also sees Tris and Caleb attempting to reconcile, but Tris is having a difficult time doing so. She listens to him while he talks excitedly about the filtration system, but nothing has changed for her. This is evident when she waits for Caleb to leave before she tells Tobias about what she's overheard in the conversation between Marcus and Johanna.

The decision to return to the city is not an easy one, but Tobias makes the point that they can't stay where they are, and that if they are to find out the truth, and tell the truth to everyone else, the only place to do that is in the city. Here, then, is the city becoming a symbol of knowledge, though it must be said, that it is not of truth or wisdom. In the city are answers, but whether those answers can be offered to everyone, and whether those answers are true remains to be seen.

Chapter 5

This chapter shows Tris's depth of character and courage when she confronts Marcus in the orchard. She demands answers and in anger he gives some of those answers to her. The way he treats her is indicative of his utter contempt for anyone whom he doesn't deem to be 'on his level'. To him she will always be a abomination from Abnegation. He does tell her, though, that her father's death was not in vain, but doesn't not further explain it...leaving Tris with yet more questions.

Later that night she is reconciled with Tobias and it is evident that their feelings for one another have deepened. Tris lets her guard down and lets herself grieve for Will as she



has not been able to do for a while. Here the theme of Love is exemplified, showing the healing power of love as well as the capacity for forgiveness and support that it offers. It is because of their love for one another, and for their friends that Tris and Tobias are able to continue to make plans and move forward.

Chapter 6

The next day the harddrive is gone, and Tris knows who has taken it....Peter. Tris finds him in the cafeteria and attacks him. Fighting is expressly against the rules at Amity. Tris is taken away and given a peace serum which makes her fuzzy and warm. She hates it. Tobias is also relieved when the drug wears off as he knows, and accepts, that neither he nor Tris is a particularly nice person. Later, they both learn that many of the food items in Amity have been laced with peace serum to keep the masses sedated and peaceful. It is just another form of control without consent and they determine, more than ever, to leave.

The confrontation with Johanna is telling in that the reader learns that while Johanna is the leader, she is not a dictator and must abide by the decisions of the people. Thus, it is evident that she is conflicted and does not agree with the practices utilized by her own people. She seems to insinuate that she would do things differently if she could. This becomes even more evident when she tells them not to eat the bread, which is laced heavily with serum.

Discussion Question 1

How would you describe Tris' condition after she jumped off the train?

Discussion Question 2

What is the purpose of drugging the population of the Amity compound?

Discussion Question 3

What do you think Marcus is hiding from Johanna, Tris, and the others?

Vocabulary

pinpricks, Dauntless, crouches, launch, Erudite, impact, crumple, simulation, flexible, Amity, aftermath, factions, wary, cradling, stable, steadies



Chapters 7-12

Summary

Chapter 7

Tris decides to hide the hard drive in the same place as before, thinking that Peter won't look in the same place twice. She skips dinner and returns to the apple orchard where she sits in a tree. While in the tree, Tris spots a team of Erudite approaching the compound. Tris runs to the cafeteria to warn the others.

Tris and her group are wearing Amity clothing which helps them to avoid detection. The group pretends to be citizens of Amity and adopts their posture, gait, and fun loving actions. It all feels very strange to Tris. Back in the cafeteria, Johanna makes an announcement. She states that the Erudite and Dauntless 'guests' that have just arrived are looking for some people. She smiles without giving anything away and tells her people that she's told them that those they are looking for have moved on. Still, she offers, they want to search the compound, which means that they need to take a vote.

The group sits at their table, trying to be inconspicuous. The Erudite and Dauntless leave some members behind to guard the people in the cafeteria while the rest leave to search the premises. An Erudite woman approaches Tobias and wants to know why his hair is cut so short. Tobias snaps at the woman. This is a second sign that he is not Amity. The woman sees Tobias' tattoo and draws her gun. Chaos ensues and shots are fired. The group, except for Peter and Marcus, manages to get away.

Chapter 8

The group hops onto a train to return to the city. Aboard the train is Edward, the man that Peter has stabbed. Edward belongs to the factionless, and they want no part of Tris' crew. Tobias identifies himself and Edward's attitude changes immediately. Edward says that they will escort the group to see someone at one of the factionless' lairs.

The person that wants to see Tobias is his mother, Evelyn. Tris is shocked to see her since they had all attended her funeral. Tobias is shocked as well. He tells Tris that he hates his mother. It isn't because she abandoned him to join the factionless or because she had an affair. It's because she left him with Marcus who abused him.

Chapter 9

Evelyn lays out her plan to Tobias. The chart he and Tobias had seen was not set up to mark the locations of the factionless but to track the locations of the Divergent. Evelyn tells Tobias that the factionless, who are the poor and unassociated people, have grown significantly in size. They are now twice the size of the Dauntless. They want to take down the factions even though it may mean a great deal of bloodshed. Evelyn sees it as



collateral damage, while Tobias sees it as a type of tyranny and genocide. Tobias refuses to help his mother. Evelyn tells Tobias that the door is always open.

Chapter 10

Tris runs into Susan in the bathroom. Tris says she never would have thought she would be bathing in an abandoned building owned by the Erudite. Susan expresses sadness that she and Tris would never be neighbors, taking their kids to the bus together. Susan is sad because she hadn't noticed Tris' situation while it was happening and why she eventually joined the Dauntless.

Tris and Tobias head to Candor where they are promptly arrested. They are scheduled for interrogation the next day.

Chapter 11

Tobias and Tris meet with Jack Kang, head of the Candor. Kang says they have been arrested for crimes against humanity. Tobias laughs at the ridiculous statement. Kang says there is video of him running the attack simulation and proof that Tris was his accomplice. Kang tell them that the hard drive was only one copy of the video in existence. Smashing the hard drive accomplished nothing.

Kang refuses to speak more about the situation until Tris and Tobias have been injected with truth serum.

Chapter 12

Tobias is the first to undergo interrogation under the truth serum. After some hesitation, he reveals his true identity which surprises the Candor. Tobias admits that he switched factions to become Dauntless. He had considered becoming factionless until Tris joined up with the Dauntless as well. Tobias also admits to being Divergent.

Tris also attempts to fight the truth serum. She talks about her mother and the fact that she was Divergent, as is Tris. Although Tris had tried to avoid it, in the end she admits to being the one that killed Will. Christina is furious, as it Tobias, that she did not tell them what had happened. This shocks many of her crew, especially Christina who was in love with Will.

Christina visits Tris afterwards. She hadn't knows that Tris was the one that killed Will. Before, Tris had played stupid when Christina gave her the news of Will's death. Now, the two friends part, potentially, never to be reunited. Though Christina understands that Will was under the influence of a serum simulation, she blames Tris for killing him when she could have simply wounded him and disabled him.

Analysis

Chapter 7



Johanna reveals more of her heart as she gives clues to being receptive to helping the Dauntless and Factionless take down the Erudite and the faction system at large. These thoughts and actions go against the Amity way but Johanna is realizing that some things are more important than following the group's doctrine. The most revealing turn of events is when Johanna gives a nearly imperceptible cue to Tris, Tobias and the others to run when the Erudite and Dauntless guards come looking for them. The group knows that Johanna will come to their aid in the future as well.

Suspense builds as Tris and her group are nearly caught by the guards in the cafeteria. Tobias acts somewhat hastily but most likely saved a life by doing so. Tris goes against character when she freezes up and stays in her seat while everyone else had taken cover under the table. Tobias chastises Tris for this action because she could have been killed. This brings up the theme of Trust, something that both Tobias and Tris struggle with the entire series. Generally speaking, either one or the other of them hold back or do not fully divulge what they know to the other under the guise of protecting the other. This, of course, is shown to be damaging and one of the largest obstacles that they must overcome.

Chapter 8-9

More comes out about the histories of both Tris and Tobias. There are many mixed emotions, from grief to hatred. There is a telling scene between Evelyn and Tobias. Tris is shocked because she thought Evelyn was dead. Tobias doesn't seem to be nearly as surprised. Although they are mother and son, Tobias seems to have a particularly difficult time communicating with his mother. They are clearly on opposite sides of the fence and while neither wishes the other ill will, they will not be joining forces any time soon unless there is a mutually beneficial outcome.

The theme of Love is examined in this chapter from several angles. First, there is the love between a mother and a son, and how long ranging and deep seated childhood issues can scar and main a person's internal landscape. She is one of the biggest reasons that Tobias has trust issues. Additionally, the reader sees romantic love between Tris and Tobias. They both fully acknowledge that neither is perfect, but they try and accept that about the other person. They are not particularly successful at this, but the fact remains that they do not give up in their attempts (unlike Tobias's mother who ran away).

Chapter 10

Tris' reunion with Susan seems to add some softer elements to the story. Susan is much more timid and softer than Tris. In some ways this makes Susan seem weaker than the others yet it is a much needed area in which Tris needs to grow. Furthermore, Tris trusts Susan and is grateful for the companionship. Interestingly enough, it is as if the author is offering an alternative view of what Tris may have been like had she opted to remain in Abnegation, or if she had been sent out to live among the Factionless.



When they leave the train they determine to go to the Candor headquarters because they hope they have allies there. They are wrong. This gamble sees them promptly arrested.

Chapter 11-12

Chapter 11 sees them meeting with Kang, the director of the Candor headquarters. He believes the propaganda that he's been given which implicates Tobias and Tris in the attack sim incidents. Tobias convinces him to place them under the truth serum to see if what he suspects is true or not. Given that this is a Candor motto, Kang can hardly refuse.

In Chapter 12 Tris is placed under the truth serum, which she is not able to fight off this time. She confesses to Will's death which shocks and angers Christina and Cara, as well as the others. When Tobias goes under the serum, the truth about who he is is even more shocking to the gathering. In particular is the confession about how his father treated him. Both Tris and Tobias's lives are aired for all to witness and they are clearly embarrassed by all of it once they come out of the serum.

Kang's role is still not clear. While he hopes to protect Candor he is clearly afraid of Jeanine's power. Kang seems reluctant to arrest Tobias and Tris and instead acts as if he needs their help. How their partnership – if there is one – comes together remains to be seen.

Discussion Question 1

Why does Tobias bear such hatred toward his mother?

Discussion Question 2

Who does not escape from the factionless compound? What happened to prevent the escape?

Discussion Question 3

Tobias confesses his reasons for joining the Dauntless. What are the reasons? Why did he stay?

Vocabulary

factionless, Abnegation, transferred, irritably, Candor, plunging, scowls, initiation, refuge, deterioration, preferable, provoked



Chapters 13-20

Summary

Chapter 13

Tris apologizes to Christina about Will. Christina refuses to speak. Uriah tries to make things better by saying that Tris had to do what was necessary to survive. If she hadn't killed Will, they would have become Erudite slaves. Tobias tells Tris they will discuss the matter later.

Tris feels like she is coming apart at the seams. She takes off and spends the night in the interrogation room. She throws a chair through the window with the intention of jumping out the 18th floor window. Tris rethinks her actions after pondering that her parents died for her. She owes it to them to stay alive.

Chapter 14

Lynn tells Tris that Christina will get over being upset about Will. Tris is not so sure. Tris tries to explain that even though she was under the influence of truth serum, she was able to fight it off. Telling the others about Will was her choice.

A gunfight ensues. Tris, unarmed, dives behind a group of Dauntless. Tris sees a blue laser light on her chest. She throws herself to the side but is not fast enough. Tris gets shot.

Chapter 15

Tris gets up and examines the wound on her shoulder. There is a metal disc attached. When he holds it, it sprays out white smoke, a type of sleeping gas. Tris wonders about the purpose of putting the enemy to sleep. Tris overheard two of the Dauntless, wondering why they didn't just shoot everyone in the head.

Uriah approaches Tris. It is clear that he, too, is Divergent. The Dauntless' plan becomes clear – use the sleeping potion to determine which people are Divergent, since they won't be affected by the gas.

Tris sees Eric in the hallway. She knows she can't shoot him but she does have her knife.

Chapter 16

Eric holds Tris, Uriah and the others at gunpoint. He tells them that he has been instructed to take to people back to Erudite headquarters and to assassinate the rest. Eric begins to eliminate people. Tris stabs him with her knife.



Chapter 17

A Dauntless loyal helps Tobias and others escape from the Dauntless traitors by climbing down a fire escape.

Tris has a conversation about the Dauntless. She learns that her father, Marcus and Peter are not dead. Caleb announces that he does not want to be a part of any faction.

Chapter 18

Kang draws everyone together to discuss the attack. Kang asks Marcus if the plan was to attack the Dauntless. Marcus gives up little information, as usual. Kang says it is not possible for them to fight off the enemy. He asks for a vote on whether to call Jeanine for help.

Chapter 19

Tris and the others help to clean up the broken glass and other debris around the area. Tris is tired and weak. She sees Tori and Zeke approach. The Dauntless are wary of the pair as they are known to be enemies of the Dauntless. Tori is dragging her leg and is clearly severely injured. Zeke demands medical help. The Dauntless are unsure of what to do.

Zeke is greeted by Uriah. The brothers hug. Zeke is asked a lot of questions. The group quickly learns that Tori and Zeke were working undercover. When asked why they didn't tell the Dauntless, Zeke says being a spy is difficult if everyone knows who you are.

Lynn decides to sneak away and eavesdrop on the conversation between Kang and Jeanine.

Chapter 20

The group sits in the cafeteria. Some of the older boys walk by Tobias and whisper, "Coward!" After a few minutes, Tobias gets up and walks over to the table where Marcus sits. Tobias grabs him and begins to beat him with his belt. Tris, stunned, finally regains her voice and tells him to stop. Tobias stalks off.

Tris runs after Tobias to ask what the fight was all about. It seems clear to Tris that it was not an act of passion but rather a planned event. Tobias snaps at Tris.

Tris finds Marcus sitting on the bathroom floor. She tells him to stop being delusional and let her help with Jeanine. Marcus can't do it alone.

Analysis

Chapter 13-14



This section is filled with a lot of fighting between factions as well as within the group. After returning to the Dauntless, Tris and Tobias are joined by old friends. They discuss what has been happening. The communication between Tris and Tobias is strained. Each seems to be having some sort of emotional crisis as each deals with the amount of information that both have been holding back from one another.

From Tobias's point of view, Tris doesn't love or trust him enough to share everything with him. She constantly puts herself in harm's way as if it won't affect him one way or the other. Tris, on the other hand, learns about the extent of Tobias's upbringing along with the rest of the Candor group and wonders why he didn't trust her enough to tell about his childhood. Though both are exonerated of the charges, the damage to their relationship has been done.

Understandably, Christina is angry and hurt when she finds out that Tris was the one to kill Will. Killing Will was bad enough; but, the fact that Tris hid the truth from Christina makes the pain worse. Lynn refers to Christina as being a child, one that will have to grow up and understand. Uriah intervenes on Tris' part, saying that she had no choice under the circumstances. It was kill or be killed. Tris' powers also come to light once more when she admits that she was able to fend off the serum that had so deeply affected Will and the others. Only a Divergent is able to do such things. Christina, it is evident, will need time.

Chapter 15-16

When the entire compound is given a sleeping potion, others also learn which of the group is Divergent as they are the only ones that will not be affected by the potion. It is not good news for the Divergent to have their identities and powers revealed. This is the way that Tris learns about Uriah and the fact that he, too, is Divergent.

Tris is frightened by Tobias' rage, but, in some ways, she understands it. Although Tris hates Marcus, she knows that they will have to work together if they want to achieve their goals. The reader sees this when Tris finds him later and offers to help him take down Jeanine.

This, in essence, answers the earlier question as to whether or not two people who do not trust one another can join against a common enemy. The answer, in this case, would seem to be 'yes'.

Chapter 17-18

When the Dauntless, led by Eric, attack, shooting everyone with the sleeping potions, Uriah, Tris, and several others realize that they've got to hide. This 'was'the plan, but when she witnesses a Candor boy being beaten to death by the elevators by Eric, she defends him. Armed with nothing but a knife she manages to stab Eric.

It is interesting to note that in the first novel Tris often lamented on her inability to be selfless and giving like her mother and father. And yet, in scene after scene, it is clear



that their lessons of helping others, of standing up for what is right, have be ingrained in her. The scene at the elevator illustrates this well.

The theme of trust is demonstrated in Kang's indecision to bring Jeanine into the operation. It is clear that he does not trust her, which asks the question: Can two forces that don't trust one another still align for a common purpose?

Chapters 19-20

For Tobias, the consequences of taking the truth serum begin to plague him as others around him start to whisper behind his back and call him a coward for not standing up to his father. The reader knows, and understands, that Marcus is one of Tobias's greatest fears, one that he's never been able to get rid of. This indicates that his fear and lack of trust in his father are significant and sizable.

Finally, having had enough teasing, Tobias almost throttles his father within an inch of his life. In this action one can infer that the boys haven't said anything that Tobias, himself, hasn't thought about himself, before. Again, the devastating effects of a bad family life are illustrated in this scene, contrasted with Tris's when she learns that her father may still be alive. One should also note that Tobias's instrument of choice was a belt...which was the most used weapon against him when he was a child. Thus, the belt was both an instrument of abuse, and in this case, liberates him from his father's tyranny. The reader hopes that in this action he has finally conquered his fear of his father, and will not end up being like his father.

There is a breath of relief when Tori and Zeke arrive. Uriah had thought his brother had turned toward the enemy and is grateful to learn that he and Tori were actually working as spies. Uriah is somewhat annoyed that Zeke did not tell him, but it is clear that Zeke was trying to protect Uriah from possible reprisal.

Discussion Question 1

How do the Dauntless manage to make people fall asleep? What is the point of the exercise?

Discussion Question 2

Why are Tori and Zeke treated so strangely when they approach the other Dauntless?

Discussion Question 3

Why does Tris talk to Marcus after the fight with Tobias?

Vocabulary

Divergent, lovesick, impatiently, smirks, bastard, relocating, open-mouthed, snatches, pokes, bunk, brain powers, simulations, random, traitor, dissuade, conspiracy.



Chapters 21-28

Summary

Chapter 21

Tris and Tobias have an argument. He says she never talks about her plans which makes her angry considering that she was already mad for not knowing about Tobias' plan to attack Marcus. Tobias tells Tris that she ought to stay home for once and let other people take the risk. Tris has no intention of doing so.

The group goes to eavesdrop on Kang and Jeanine. Instead of Jeanine, however, they see another member of her executive team approach.

Kang is offended that Jeanine did not attend the meeting in person. Max says he and Jeanine split up their duties.

Max tells Kang that he will not survive without his (and Jeanine's help). He lays out conditions for the protection of Candor.

Kang is angry but has little choice in the matter. He grabs Max's shirt. Tris thinks that Jeanine must be nearby to watch the meeting. Tris and the others go away from the meeting spot and toward a glass house where Jeanine is likely in hiding.

Lynn shoots Max.

Tris sees Peter and realizes that he is a Dauntless traitor. She is upset but not terribly surprised. She finds Peter with Jeanine. Just as she is confronting them, she hears a scream from somewhere behind her. It is one of her crew.

Chapter 22

Tris and Tobias run toward the screams. They find Shauna face down in the mud, Lynn apologizes for shooting Max since it drew fire on Shauna. Shauna is taken for medical care. Lynn is filled with remorse.

Tris decides to go and talk to Tori to find out what she had learned as a spy. Tori says she discovered a laboratory at Jeanine's headquarters. Tori did not take time to learn anything about the laboratory because she went there to kill Jeanine.

One of the conditions laid out by Max was that Eric be returned unharmed. The Dauntless consider killing Eric but must call a meeting. Because there are no longer executive leaders among the Dauntless, Tobias, Tori and Harrison are named as leaders. Tris was also nominated but had refused.

Chapter 23



Kang makes an announcement to the rest of Candor. He tells them about his meeting with Max and the conditions surrounding it. Eric is taken to a meeting room where he is tried, convicted, and executed by Tobias.

Chapter 24

Kang learns that Eric has been killed. He is upset because this means he cannot meet the demands set forth by Jeanine and Max.

The Dauntless are ordered to black out the cameras using paintball guns. Instead they end up in a battle amongst each other, laughing and blowing off steam.

Chapter 25

Tobias asks Tris to go with him to see his mother. This surprises Tris considering their relationship. Evelyn tells Tobias that she will help the Dauntless gain power and support them with the forces of the factionless if he agrees to give the factionless power in the new government.

Tobias says Tori had tried to kill Jeanine and wants to be the one to take her out. Evelyn says she doesn't care who kills Jeanine as long as she is dead.

Tobias weighs Evelyn's argument and finds it to be valid. Tris thinks it is a terrible idea. After leaving Evelyn, they get into an argument and cannot agree on the right thing to do.

Chapter 26

Christina wakes Tris out of a deep sleep. She tells Tris that Marlene and some others are making demands about the Divergents. Marlene says that the Divergents must turn themselves in at the Erudite headquarters or every two days someone will die. Standing alongside Marlene are Lynn's brother Hector and another person. The trio jumps off the roof. Tris manages to save Hector.

Tris thinks about what Marlene had said. She can't bear to see another one of her friends die and decides to turn herself in to the Erudites.

Chapter 27

Tris goes to see Christina. She explains that the complete zombie-like state of Marlene is much like the state Will was in when she shot him. Christina says she is trying hard to forgive Tris. Tris begins to cry and she and Christina cling to each other.

Tris goes to see Tobias. She tries to convince him that she is not going to turn herself in to the Erudites.

Chapter 28



Tris sneaks out of Tobias' room and goes to wake Christina. She tells Christina that the attack wasn't random. It had something to do with the information about the Abnegation. They must find out what it is but only Marcus knows and he isn't talking.

Tris walks a long distance to the Erudite compound and turns herself in. Peter takes Tris to a cell where she sits, wondering what she has done.

Analysis

Chapter 21-22

In this section the characters become more secretive with each other. Just when the group should be banding together, they seem to be separating and falling apart, developing agendas that go against each other and, perhaps, the cause at large. It is surprising that this also applies to Tris and Tobias, both of which seem to have trust issues and cannot work things out when they disagree. It is a time when the pair would do well to trust and confide in each other to present a stronger united front.

One of the greatest reasons for the rift between Tobias and Tris is that both make assumptions about the other that are not true. This lack of communication causes the ultimate breakdown in trust between them. Tobias thinks that Tris deliberately places herself in danger to hurt him, but in reality she does it because she doesn't want to appear inadequate or weak to the others. Since she joined Dauntless she's spent her entire waking moments trying to make herself useful and needed. At the mere hint that she should stay behind and let others take risks for a change, Tris goes ballistic. Tobias, of course, doesn't understand and thinks she doesn't tell him everything.

Their arguments and intrigues are put on hold as they view the meeting between Candor leaders and Erudite/Dauntless leader. When Lynn shoots Max it sets many events into motion that carry through to the end of the novel. Tris sees Peter, who has switched alliances, yet again.

It is interesting to note that when Eric is apprehended and turned over to Dauntless (now lead by Tobias, Christina, and Tori) that Tris refuses to become part of the leadership, even though she is asked. This may be a hearkening back to her Abnegation days, or more likely, the point that she does not seek out or desire power.

Chapter 23-24

These two chapters lend themselves to character development, where the reader gets to see what this group of young people would be like were they allowed to live like normal teenagers. While there is a serious moment at the beginning of Chapter 23 with the execution of Eric, the rest of the time is spent with all of the Dauntless friends shooting out cameras and playing with paint guns. Here the reader sees friendships mended (or moving toward it), and goals solidified. What is also interesting to note is the stark reality of their lives. Here they are executing someone, and then, literally, hours



later they are playing like carefree children. This juxtaposition of innocence with violence is a telling motif that shows up more than once throughout the novel.

Chapters 25-28

The decision on the part of the Dauntless to kill Eric rather than return him to the Erudite is certainly a sign that the neither the Dauntless nor the Candor will back down to Jeanine's whims. It is essentially, a call to war. Kang is not pleased about this turn of events, as he feels that Candor is not able to stand up to Erudite. With the show of force by Erudite to date, this seems like a legitimate concern.

The appearance of Marlene and Hector is extremely disturbing to the entire group. It is clear by their demeanor that they have been drugged and that they have no control over their speech or actions. Even while Marlene is talking to the group, Tris knows that she is already dead. Jeanine's decision to use Marlene and Hector was a stroke of genius, as the death of a younger person has a much greater effect on Tris and the others. It works. Tris determines that no matter what everyone says, she must go to Jeanine to prevent any more deaths.

The lack of trust in this section is tangible. The reader finds themselves asking how things might have been done differently if she had just confided in them, found an alternative. But she does not give anyone that chance, opting, instead to lie to Tobias, take it all on herself and sacrifice herself for their sake.

Discussion Question 1

Why do you think Marcus is being so secretive?

Discussion Question 2

Why do people keep referring to Tobias as a coward? What is his reaction?

Discussion Question 3

How does Tris react when she learns that Jeanine only wants her and the killings will stop?

Vocabulary

moaning, waistband, inherently, flicker, uncross, eavesdrop, furrow, provoke, apparent, pulp, coward, ally, insistent, prevent, reckless, descend, pillars



Chapters 29-33

Summary

Chapter 29

Tris is taken to see Jeanine. She soon learns that the plan is for Jeanine to study her brain and then to have her executed. Tris undergoes an MRI. The results are surprising. Tris' prefrontal cortex is larger than any the technician has seen. She lacks the part of the brain in which one does things in order to receive a reward. The technician and Jeanine talk about how the change in the brain will require an alteration of the serum.

Tris is taken back to her cell. She sees a bloodied Tobias and begins to sob. Tris asks Peter for help but he refuses.

Chapter 30

Tris sits in her cell and cries.

Tris is taken to another room where she is injected with a memory serum. She is riding the bus with her mother. Tris fights against the serum and blows up the bus. She tells Jeanine that she's going to have to do better than that. Jeanine warns Tris she is just getting started.

Chapter 31

Jeanine takes Tris to a room where Tobias waits. Jeanine threatens to kill Tris right then unless Tobias tells her everything he knows. Tobias tries to hold out but he can't knowing that holding back will kill Tris. Jeanine seems to be pleased with herself. She sedates Tris. She tells Tobias that it's only fair he and Tris know who told her that Tris was a Divergent with amazing powers. It was Caleb.

Chapter 32

Tris wakes and tries to make sense of why Caleb would betray her. It does nothing but give her a headache. Peter is in her room and has been told to escort her to the showers. In the corridor, Tris sees Tobias being held by guards. Tobias lets his body go limp. When the guards drop him, he steals a gun and fires at Peter. Tobias grabs Tris and runs. They duck into a secret room. Tobias says Tris' execution is scheduled to be held in two weeks. Tris does not have the will to survive.

Chapter 33

Tris is forced to undergo another simulation. Once again she beats it. She punches Jeanine in the face and mocks her. Jeanine says that none of this is about her abnormal brain; there is much more at stake.



Analysis

Chapter 29-30

In Chapter 29 Tris finds herself the subject of many painful experiments at Jeanine's hands, assisted by Peter. Tobias, having come after her, predictably, is also being held and used for testing. Jeanine is pleased to finally have proof of Tris' extraordinary gifts and is amazed at the size of Tris' brain. Jeanine longs to study Tris and learn how to capture what she is and what she knows to strengthen her position within the faction and society as a whole. Tris has no choice but to comply.

Tris' choice to turn herself in does not seem to help matters any. This is clear when Tris sees Tobias covered in blood. Tris becomes so desperate that she begs Peter for help even though there is slim to no chance that Peter would ever do anything for anyone else.

Chapters 31-33

The biggest blow to Tris, however, is not the tests of being trapped in a solitary cell not knowing what is happening to Tobias and the others. It is learning that Caleb was the one to reveal to Jeanine that she is Divergent. Tris cannot comprehend why Caleb would betray her in such a manner.

Tris philosophizes about what makes a person human, which is something the scientists in this dystopian world are also wondering. Interestingly, Tris doesn't know the complete answer, but she recognizes that deep inside of her is a type of 'fight' that refuses to be caged, and that it craves freedom above all else. With this reference to 'freedom' again comes one of the themes of nonconformity as she refuses to simply 'go along' with anything that Jeanine or the current world, as she knows it, dictates.

Tris does make a slight recovery at the end of the section when she realizes that Jeanine cannot harm her without killing her. Tris seems like she is going mad as she rejoices in the knowledge that she continues to deny Jeanine the scientific data that she's looking for.

Discussion Question 1

Why does Tris turn herself in to Jeanine?

Discussion Question 2

How does Tris act once she is in her cell?

Discussion Question 3

What happens when Tris confronts Jeanine?

Vocabulary

fiercely, loosens, keepsakes, dormitory, initiates, beckon, cooperate, strategy, prickles, standstill, obliterate, lifespan, attract, elevated, exertion



Chapters 34- 41

Summary

Chapter 34

Peter arrives at Tris' cell to tell her that her execution has been scheduled for the next morning. They talk briefly. After Peter leaves, Tris cries. Then she decides that she will turn outward like a true Abnegation. Her parents would be proud.

Chapter 35

Tris is taken to the execution chamber. Along the way she can hear Tobias shouting that he wants to see her. Tris thinks about trading her life for Will's. Tris is injected and her heart monitor goes quiet.

Chapter 36

Tris is not dead. Peter had switched the serum and gave her one that would merely paralyze her. Jeanine does not notice. Once in the hallway, Peter hands Tris over to Tobias and tells them to run. Peter makes it clear that he did not save her because he has any feelings toward her but just because he doesn't want to be in anyone's debt.

Tobias and Tris make it safely to Tobias' old house. Tris finally tells Tobias that she loves him.

Chapter 37

Tris wakes and takes a shower. When she goes down to breakfast she sees Evelyn and many members of the factionless alongside Tobias, Peter, Marcus, and others. It seems very odd that they should all be together and in the same room.

Edward taunts Peter and causes him to smack his head off the wall. Evelyn tells Edward to stop playing with him. Tobias explains to Tris that Edward is unstable.

Marcus finally entrusts Tris with the story that the information Jeanine stole relates to the reason they are all there...and the reason Tris' parents died. The night Tris' mother died, she was at Erudite to steal the file from Jeanine. When she learned that Tris was in the building, she fled to save her daughter. That's when she was killed.

Tris doesn't know if she should believe Marcus.

Chapter 38

Evelyn lays out a plan to attack Erudite. She splits the group into teams. Tris stays behind because of her injuries and the fact that she is still traumatized from killing Will.



Tobias tells Tris she is the bravest person he knows and that she should take the time to mend.

Chapter 39

Tris and Christina get dressed up and go to meet Marcus. Marcus takes them to Amity to meet Johanna. Tris tells Johanna what is happening with Erudite and says she needs to speak to them. Johanna agrees.

The next day the Amity have a meeting. They choose to remain neutral rather than help. Johanna says she can no longer stand idly by. She will help even if it means she has to leave Amity.

Chapter 40

Tris gets access to the information she needs to take down the Erudite. Along with the information, she is given some prototype weapons to protect her on the way back to Tobias' house. A young girl asks Christina if what they are doing will make things better. Christina says they haven't so far but she has hope.

On the way out of Amity, Tris sees Fernando, a friend of Caleb's. Fernando tells Tris not to be too hard on Caleb, that Jeanine has a way of convincing people who are not "naturally suspicious."

Chapter 41

Tris, Christina and the Erudite make their way back to the city. Upon their arrival, Tris sees that she is going to have to get over her gun fear if they are going to survive.

Analysis

Chapters 34-36

There are a couple of unexpected twists in this section. Tris' execution arrives and she turns to her Abnegation roots and tries to face it head on. Tris is given the fatal injection but soon discovers that Peter has switched the fatal dose for a paralytic. This shows that Peter may have some humanity in him after all since he helps Tris and Tobias to escape. Suddenly, Peter decides to fight on the right side. Tris and Tobias are both stunned that Peter would help them. It seems Peter has had a wakeup call and realizes that he must start to atone for some of the things he has done. The reader should not think that Peter has turned over a new leaf but take this action with a grain of salt as Peter is still very much self-involved.

The theme of Love surfaces when Tobias and Tris make their escape to Tobias's old house. He tells her that he will be her family from now on, and she will be his. In a selfless act of commitment to one another they have illustrated the strengthening effects of love in one of its truest forms. Realizing what they each had to lose, has made



them both realize that they did not want to risk doing that sort of thing ever again. This is especially true for Tris who is finally able to see her own actions through the eyes of another person.

Chapters 37-39

Tris finds it odd that the factionless and the Dauntless have come together in Tobias' house. While the plan is to be mutually beneficial, it is clear that Evelyn is very much in charge. Edward remains a wild card at this point and his goals and aspirations are not quite clear.

Marcus has a change of heart although it is unclear why. He tells Tris the majority of what she wants to know, including the fact that her mother was not at Erudite to save her, rather, she was there to get information from Jeanine. Her mother gave up the quest when she learned that Tris was in the building and was in danger. That is when she died. This story will help Tris to feel less guilty about her mother's death and also strengthens her conviction to take down Jeanine.

The theme of Nonconformity is demonstrated by Johanna when she decides that the Amity decision to continue to remain neutral is something that she can no longer agree with. She joins Marcus and the others, choosing to remain true to her own beliefs rather than uphold a false belief held by her former group.

Chapters 40-42

In these chapters Tris learns some very important things. First, she learns that Caleb might not have been in full possession of the true facts when she agreed to help do the testing on Tris. She learns this from a friend of Caleb's who tells her that Jeanine can be very manipulative. Secondly, it has become evident to Tris that she is going to have to make her peace with carrying and shooting a gun, again. Since Will's death she's not be reliable around a weapon. She knows she's going to have to deal with it and overcome it, or she may very well get someone else killed.

Discussion Question 1

How does Peter become involved with the new group that plans to attack the Erudite?

Discussion Question 2

What is Tris' reaction to seeing both groups - former enemies - congregated in Tobias' house?



Discussion Question 3

What are Evelyn's conditions for helping Dauntless attack Erudite? Does Evelyn have an ulterior motive?

Vocabulary

arrogance, posture, betray, condescending, scold, possessed, motivated, quakes, sharply, nuances, wobble, executed, smarting, tension



Chapters 42-47

Summary

Chapter 42

After searching through janitors' closets they find a ladder. The ladder can be used as a catwalk between buildings and into Erudite headquarters if they manage to break out the windows. Fernando has a glass cutting device that does the trick. Unfortunately, as he is crossing between the buildings he is spotted by a soldier and shot. Christina reaches out to save Fernando but he tells her not to be an idiot and to go on without him.

Chapter 43

Once inside the building Marcus says that they must go. Cara is chosen as the guide as she knows her way through the building.

Tris, Marcus and Christina make it into a control room. Caleb is waiting with the intention of stopping Tris. Marcus hits Caleb and they break away. Unfortunately, they run into Edward and Christina ends up being shot in the leg.

Marcus and Tris figure out that the information must be in Jeanine's lab.

Chapter 44

Tris and Marcus find their way to the lab. Tris is confronted by an exact replica of herself. It freaks her out at first but then she reminds herself that it is just another one of Jeanine's tricks. As Tris holds the gun up to fire, the image morphs into Will. Tris will not be undone by this trick. She fires the gun.

Chapter 45

Tris looks down at the body simulation after she fires. It is not Will this time. The simulation is Tris. Tris runs away from her dead replica.

Tris comes across pictures on a wall of which she recognizes many. Next to each picture is a list of chemicals used in that person's individual serum. Tris continues to run. She finds Jeanine in the lab, as expected. Tori is there, beating up on Jeanine. Jeanine says that the information cannot be accessed if she is dead. Jeanine tries to get Tris to convince Tori to stop. Tris tries to explain the importance of the information but Tori refuses to listen. She only wants to get revenge for her brother's death. Tori stabs Jeanine.

Chapter 46



Tris tries to process what is happening.

Tris tries to explain things to Tobias and Uriah but they refuse to believe her. Tobias and Uriah take Tris away, treating her as a traitor.

Tris fills Christina in on all that has happened.

Lynn is suffering from a fatal wound in her stomach. Uriah pulls a gun on the doctor and demands that he save Lynn. The doctor says Lynn's condition is fatal. He might have been able to save her but the Dauntless has destroyed everything in its path. Lynn dies after confessing that she, too, loved Marlene.

Chapter 47

Johanna arrives. She and Tori get into an argument. Tori accuses Johanna of remaining as Amity's leader. Johanna explains that Amity does not have leaders. Even if they did it wouldn't matter since Johanna left Amity to join in the fight.

Evelyn arrives. She has seen to it that the Dauntless have been disarmed. She announces that the new government will not support any factions. The Amity will remain as a group but be counted upon only to deliver food.

Tobias, Marcus and Caleb arrive through a stairwell door, surprising Evelyn. A video comes on screen. Tobias had managed to get Jeanine's file.

A woman named Amanda Ritter appears on screen. She shows pictures of brutal murders and mass graves.

Amanda goes on to say that this information will only be available to the members of a new government. She will begin life anew, with new memories and a new identity. Amanda will now be known as Edith Prior.

Analysis

Chapters 42-44

Breaking into Erudite Headquarters Tris and the others are quickly separated. Tris faces her fears, including having to shoot a replica of Will once again. Though this was done to try and slow her down, or disable her in some way, Tris is able to come to terms with the situation and her fear of guns is now officially over.

Though she still finds Marcus despicable, she also knows that his attempt to get the file from Jeanine's lab is more important than the larger group's agenda. With the file she can not only know the truth about her parents, but about the Divergent program all together. She works with him, but keeps an eye on him in case he should try to doublecross her somehow.



Meanwhile, the others will man the control room, disable it and destroy the attack serum as best they can. If anyone sees Jeanine they are to shoot to kill. Tris is hoping that she and Marcus can get to the lab and get the files before that happens, as most of the secrets may very well die with Jeanine.

45-47

When Tris and Marcus get to the lab, Tori is already there beating up Jeanine. Tris tells her that they need her alive long enough to get the access codes to the files. Tori kills her anyway for killing her brother. The others arrive and end up placing Tris into custody for assisting Marcus behind their backs. Tobias won't even look at Tris. She is devastated and her attempts to explain fall on deaf ears.

Before much more can be made of this the Factionless, led by Evelyn, storm the headquarters. They drag Tris down into the main lobby where a video is playing. Thanks to Caleb and Marcus, they'd been able to access and upload a copy of the video. The revelations that unfold on the film are earthshaking and Tris is released. The truth, as it unfolds, is that none of them were ever free to make choices because of their genetic damage...all that is, of course, for the Divergent. Their desire for freedom and independence would be the sign that it is time to leave the city.

In these last chapters there are many unanswered questions still hanging in the air. First, just because they have the information doesn't mean that peace will be restored. Their way of life has been shredded. Evelyn is just as bloodthirsty and power hungry as Jeanine ever was. Marcus is still up to no good, and Tris and Tobias are distanced from one another. Though Tris ends this second book in the series on a hopeful note, speaking proudly about her parents and wanting to always live up to their example, the reader knows that this series is far from over.

Discussion Question 1

What happens to Fernando as he attempts to make his way into Erudite headquarters?

Discussion Question 2

How does Tris react when she is faced with a replica of herself?

Discussion Question 3

What did Jeanine hope to accomplish by tricking Tris with various simulations?

Vocabulary

panicking, laboratory, disarm, slump, activated, transmitter, hallucinating, unreasonably, pale, crouches, bruise, weakly



Characters

Beatrice Prior

Beatrice “Tris” Prior is the main character in Veronica Roth’s “Insurgent.” Tris is a 16-year-old girl who has seen more than her fair share of death and destruction. Tris and her brother Caleb were born into the Abnegation faction where they lived until they chose their own faction at age sixteen. At testing, it was learned that Tris was Divergent, meaning that she had an aptitude for more than one faction. This makes Tris hard to control and dangerous as she is not always ruled by simulations. Tris develops a relationship with Tobias, another Divergent.

In this novel, the relationship between Tris and Tobias has progressed. However, they struggle with trust issues. Tris's greatest flaw is that she doesn't like to seem weak or cowardly. As a result, she often places herself in harm's way because she doesn't want to be thought of as useless or weak. This gets her into many situations where simply cooperating with others, working with a team, would have been the better solution.

Tris is fiercely independent, as well. Tris embodies one of the major themes, that of nonconformity. Not only does she break from tradition in the first novel, by selecting Dauntless to be her new faction, but she also chooses to break the rules in a rigidly maintained and militaristic faction such as Dauntless. Within Dauntless she finds a freedom in facing fears, reveling in the freedom she feels as she ziplines down the Hancock building.

Tris also feels that she is never able to live up to her parent's examples, who were truly selfless in her eyes. As members of Abnegation, they lived a life of dedication to others and helping others. This ideal, even when she will eventually learn the truth about the factions, continues to be a leading motivation in all of the actions that she takes.

Tobias “Four” Eaton

Tobias “Four” Eaton is a main characters in Veronica Roth’s “Insurgent.” Tobias is an 18-year-old male. Like Tris, Tobias is a member of the Dauntless. In fact, he was Tris’ instructor at the academy. Tobias and Tris, although they are in a relationship, do not always see eye-to-eye.

Tobias is the son of Marcus and Evelyn Eaton. Evelyn took off when Tobias was young. She was driven away by Marcus when he discovered her affair. He later told his young son that his mother was dead. The reader learns in this novel that this is not true, and that Evelyn was as much a victim, or moreso, than Tobias at Marcus's hands. This comes out when Tobias is under truth serum at the Candor Headquarters. Not too soon afterwards Tobias faces his fears by standing up to his father and beating him with a belt, much in the same way Marcus had beaten a younger Tobias years before.



Even when he finally learns that his mother is alive, Tobias is suspicious of her. He is also devastated, not understanding how she could have left him behind to live with Marcus and his abuse. However, forming a new government is important; so, Tobias agrees to work with Evelyn.

Caleb Prior

Caleb is Tris' brother. As her older brother, he has shocked everyone in the first book by choosing to leave Abnegation and joining Erudite. It is his allegiance to his new faction that causes him to, at first, betray his sister and assist Jeanine with the experiments. Caleb was coerced into giving away Tris' secrets so that the needed information would save mankind, or so he was told. In the end, Caleb realizes that he's been manipulated and runs away with the rebel group.

Peter

Peter was in Tris' class when she became a member of the Dauntless. Tris and Peter have a contentious relationship at best. Usually, one wants to kill the other. Peter is unusually cruel and uses his innocent good looks to his advantage. He betrays anyone and everyone, looking out only for number one. It should be noted that every now and again a semblance of humanity surfaces for Peter and it would seem that on some level he realizes that he is damaged and needs help.

Marcus Eaton

Marcus Eaton is the father of Tobias. Marcus is an arrogant, know-it-all, sociopath type of man who refuses to live with regret. From day-to-day, he does what needs to be done to further his own ends. By Tobias's accounts his father was an often cruel man, going so far as to tell Tobias that his mother was dead all of these years. In the Dauntless fear simulations one of Four's most recurring fears, one that he is still not able to overcome, is his father's abuse.

Aside from being Marcus's father, the reader sees that Marcus is a well-known leader among all of the factions. He knows Johanna at Amity very well and seems well versed on Jeanine's methods and operations. Though he is despicable, he is someone that has a lot of information so he becomes a necessary evil. He manages to continue to cause Tobias harm by insinuating himself into Tris's life, convincing her to help him get the files from Jeanine's lab.

Jeanine Matthews

Jeanine Matthews is the leader of the Erudite. Jeanine is known for mixing complicated serums and for plotting to take over other factions. She was one of the co-founders of the colonies and the experiment, but became too caught up in the power struggles and



rationalized that her way was the best chance for the experiment to work. In reality, her ego caused her to deviate from the planned parameters of the experiments.

Johanna Reyes

Johanna Reyes is the spokeswoman for Amity. Although Amity is a peace loving faction, Johanna leaves it to support Tris' and Tobias' mission. Johanna was horribly burned and the burn, Tris shares, looks like a leafless tree reaching across the side of her face. Though she lives in Amity and is their spokeswoman, she also shows, in the end, that she is as fiercely able to defend life and limb when necessary.

Tori Wu

Tori Wu is a friend to Tris and was introduced in book one as the girl that worked in the tattoo section of Dauntless. She is badly injured while working undercover as a spy. It is Tori that kills Jeanine as retribution for her brother's death.

Christina

Christina is one of the characters fighting alongside Tris. Christina was in love with Will and has a hard time accepting his death.

Max

Max is Jeanine's counterpart and the man who meets with Jack Kang to order Eric's release.



Symbols and Symbolism

Factions

At the age of 16, each member of society must undergo a series of tests and simulations to determine which faction the individual will join. Their membership is based on personality and aptitude. There are five factions that include: Abnegation (selfless), Amity (peaceful), Candor (truthful), Dauntless (brave), and Erudite (intellectual.) Those who can belong to more than one of the factions are known as being Divergent. Both Tris and Tobias are Divergent, as was Tris' mother even though she officially belonged to the Abnegation faction.

The factions plot against one another to gain power. Tris and Tobias must tread carefully among the groups while they learn that nothing is as it seems. They realize that the factionless (those who are not members of any faction) may be the most dangerous of all because they live in poverty. The factionless are twice the size of the Dauntless.

Serum

The serum used throughout the book is a tool used by the Erudite and others to cause people to face certain aspects of their lives that will undoubtedly cause trauma. These cases are intended to be used as research, but they are most often abused by people like Jeanine, who feed on people's memories and fears.

Caleb's Shirt

Caleb's shirt is an important item to Tris, particularly since she thinks he is dead. She laments having to give it up to wear Amity clothes.

Hard drive

The hard drive Tris has in her possession is supposed to be the only drive that stores information that is vital to the Divergent when it comes to stopping one or more factions from taking over. Tris later learns that there are other copies of the information on Jeanine's computer and on the network system.

Injections

Injections are given to various characters throughout the book, usually designed to cause hallucinations. Tris receives a paralytic dose instead of a fatal one. She is saved by Peter.



Ladder

The ladder used to cross into the Erudite compound is a metaphor for a lifeline.

Gun

Tris develops a fear of guns after being forced to shoot Will. Tris is forced to get over her fears, realizing that the gun is a means to protect herself and that it is not always meant to destroy those she loves.

Amity Clothing

Tris, Tobias, and the others are forced to wear Amity clothing to escape being caught by the Erudite and Dauntless guards.

Tattoos

Many of the characters in the book have tattoos to represent their faction of origin as well as the faction of their choice. It is Tobias' tattoos that cause him to be caught in the cafeteria by the female guard. It should be noted that Tris's tattoos are very telling, as are Tobias's, and Tori's. Tris's tattoos are of three crows taking flight. They represent her family that she left behind, her fears to overcome, and the freedom she now knows being Dauntless. Tobias's tattoos are of all the factions, in one place, together on his back. It is his dream that they would one day be all united and that there would be no need for factions any longer. Tori's tattoos are of a hawk, and it is this that Tris first sees at the beginning of the novel, and its hint of freedom encourages her onward.

Cell

Tris is put into a cell to await various forms of torture and, eventually, death at the hands of Jeanine. This cell is no match for the internal cell Tris already experiences in regard to guilt, hatred, and remorse.

Train

The train that the rebels use to transport them to the factionless headquarters represents their journey toward the truth behind the entire faction colony experiment.

Sims

Throughout the series the use of simulations induced by chemical injections is used as a vehicle for examining a deeper revelation of each character's wants, hopes, and fears.



This is seen initially in book one through the fear simulations that all Dauntless must face as part of their initiation. Later, it is seen when Jeanine abuses it to gain access to information, to create mindless killing drones out of the Dauntless soldiers, and to torture Tris. It is also through Tris's overcoming and creative problem solving in these sims that the reader learns of Divergent thinking.

The Belt

For Tobias, the belt was a symbol of abuse. It is what his father most often used on him, under the guise of making him stronger, toughening him up. When Tobias attacks his father in the cafeteria and beats him with a belt, he is symbolically showing his father what it felt like to be on the receiving end of such a beating, and at the same time was using it to liberate and distance himself from that part of his life, once and for all. It no longer is a fear and he is able to let it go.

Settings

Amity

The Amity compound is one of the main settings in the story. Tris, Tobias, and others arrive at Amity after being on the run. The Amity are a peace loving group and welcome the refugees to stay for one night. Tris describes Amity as being exactly the opposite of a Dauntless. It is light and peaceful whereas Dauntless is much darker.

The people of Amity dress in red and yellow to differentiate themselves from others. Tris becomes impatient when the group, a true democracy, takes forever to vote on whether than can stay.

The people at Amity do not have an established religion. They are represented by Johanna Reyes.

Erudite

The Erudite compound is the site with most of the action in the story. Jeanine Matthews, the head of Erudite, does experiments on people under the ruse of research. The Erudite are just as their name suggests – intelligent and condescending.

At the end of the story, Tris and her colleagues break into the Erudite camp to steal back the information stolen by Jeanine. A showdown takes place in the compound, killing Jeanine and retrieving the information vital to destroying the faction system of government.

Candor Headquarters

This is where Tobias and Tris are taken and interrogated using truth serum. Tris confesses to killing Will and everyone learns the truth about Tobias's father's abuse. This sets the stage for their departure from the city and the eventual learning of the truth about the Divergent experiments.



Themes and Motifs

Factions

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What is evident in the author's choice of 'factions' is that the factions, themselves, are examples of extreme segregation taking place. No one dares step outside of their faction living area after the choosing. What this does is limit opportunity for growth, exploration, and development. All of these things both Tobias and Tris are able to grasp and see because they are divergent thinkers, not blindly conforming to rigid rules.

The factions beg to be questioned and challenged, but very few do. Up until these novels, many generations have lived and died adhering to the rules without question. But now, with the emergence of more and more divergent thinkers....free thinkers who cannot have their memories impaired, swayed, or erased...comes the questions...and change.

Loyalty

Loyalty is one of the themes in "Insurgent" by Veronica Roth. Each person is expected to be loyal to their faction of origin until they turn sixteen. At that age, each person is tested for aptitude and disposition. Then, the person may choose another faction or stay with the one supported by the family. In some cases, people like Tris and Tobias are Divergent and have an aptitude for more than one faction. However, loyalty and custom demands that a person choose and support a faction. Only the factionless have chosen to divorce themselves from the process.

Torn loyalties seem to be a major reason for characters falling out, arguing or killing, and dying. This is true, of course, of Peter and Caleb who change sides so often it is dizzying. Peter's nature doesn't allow him to feel much compassion aside from that which governs his own self preservation. Caleb's indecision can be chalked up to not realizing who he truly is and what he wants out of life. He has lived in Abnegation for so



long that the use of deception is foreign to him and Jeanine is able to trick him and manipulate him into doing just about anything, including experiments on his sister.

But those aren't the only examples of loyalty running through the book. Tris and Tobias struggle with trust and remaining true to who they believe the other to be deep down inside. Tris doesn't believe that Tobias sees her as a viable member of the team, that she is weak. Tobias thinks that she takes unnecessary risks because she doesn't trust him enough to tell him her plans. Both labor under terrible misconceptions about the other, and yet, when things go sideways they are always there for one another, basically answering the question about loyalty for them. Trust is not necessary for loyalty.

Fear

The leaders of the various factions thrive on using fear as a motivator. This may occur in several ways, through direct confrontation or, more likely, the use of simulations. Tris has a great deal of fear surrounding several parts of her life. Some of it may be that her parents died too early for her to be able to understand and deal with fear. Additionally, the simulations the people have to endure, despite their affiliation, can cause extreme bouts of fear.

Fear, in this novel, is a tangible aspect as a theme. It permeates nearly every chapter and serves as a motivator to action for Tris and Tobias, and many of the others. Whereas Fear serves as a catalyst to action for many, for others, such as Marcus, it serves as a reason for brutality, an excuse for harming others to serve a greater good.

Tris admits to being fearful, particularly when she is locked into a cell one night awaiting an unknown fate at the hands of Jeanine. There are many other characters, too, that express fear including Tris' botched suicide.

Nonconformity

Tris and Four, as well as other Divergent thinkers, represent the theme of nonconformity in that they deviate from the normal thought processes of the various factions. They challenge, question, and do not blandly accept information that is given to them. The author would seem to be suggesting that there is a danger when divergent thinkers are not allowed to exist in the world, that divergent thinkers are what move mankind ahead, provide insight and revelations that lead to greater discoveries and that there is a very real danger when large groups of people adhere to too rigid standards.

The theme of nonconformity comes through in many ways throughout the novel. First, there are the faction clothes that each faction has assigned to them. Later on in the book, when things have begun to break down, there is a mixing of faction clothing, of wearing other faction's colors, that begin to show, symbolically, that the conformity that once existed is being challenged and changed.



Additionally, Tris, in her ability to fight the serums, exhibits nonconformity. She does not blatantly accept what is being shown to her in the simulations, rather choosing to use her mind to create her own realities and free herself. What emerges from this is that freedom, true freedom, comes when one choose not to blindly conform.

Love

Set against the backdrop of a dystopian future Earth, the Divergent Series is, in effect, a love story, above all else. It is, perhaps, a cautionary tale, of what can happen when a society tries to regiment and define what makes a person who they are, and what qualifies as good or bad. What comes across many times in this novel, and the series, is how twisted and damaged beautiful things can become when there is a war, when people are not viewed with respect.

Tris and Tobia's love is trying to grow and flourish in a world that does not value it. Most of their time together is spent narrowly dodging bullets, and life and death circumstances. Additionally, the reader sees the beauty of food and drink, of freshly grown fruits and vegetables also twisted by Amity in that they spike all of it to keep everyone in a sedated state of false happiness. Even the love between a mother and a child does not have long to thrive in this world, as evidence by Tris's mother's death.

What the reader learns about Love is that it transverses the grave (as in the video from her mother), it supports and sustains (as when Tris was experimented upon), it heals and forgives (Christina forgives Tris, Caleb realizes his wrong and joins Tris). In the end, it is shown to have great power over all other emotions and it is the emotion that brings the novel, in the next book, to its conclusion.

Sacrifice

Many times throughout this novel there are characters who give their lives for others, for a cause greater than themselves. This is true of Tris's mother, who worked from the beginning to try and correct Jeanine's plans. Her father, also took a bullet for her, protecting her. Additionally, it is evident, though Tris denies it until the end, that Tris has learned and internalized the ways of the Abnegation more fully than even she ever suspected. She is willing to turn herself in to Erudite Headquarters to save her friends.

Later, the ugly side of sacrifice is seen when Tobias confronts his mother to ask why she left him, sacrificed him, to Marcus to raise. So the reader gains a look at two types of sacrifices. One that is willing, one that is unwilling, and that whether they know it or not, most people have the capacity to commit an act of sacrifice for those they love.

All of Tris's 'gang' continually sacrifice themselves for the greater goal of fixing the problems with their society. Even when they leave the city it is to gather information and intelligence that will allow them to try and fix the problems. It does not occur to any of them that they should just run away and refuse to help.



Styles

Point of View

“Insurgent” by Veronica Roth is written from the first person point of view, through the eyes of the main character, Beatrice “Tris” Prior, as well as Tobias (Four) Eaton. The use of first person in the story works well in that the reader is able to understand the modern world in which this society operates. The viewpoints are shifted by chapter header so that the reader understands whose viewpoint is being expressed at the time.

The reader is taken on a journey with Tris and Tobias and is enabled to see inside their minds as they make their way through a complicated case murder, betrayal, and the confusing state of a government that is going awry.

The use of first person makes the story seem slightly less fantastic to the point that the reader can grasp what the future might be like if the system described in the book were to become real. While third person omniscient may have enabled the reader to get a broader view of the lives of the people in each faction, the use of first person lends an air of authenticity to the story and allows the character of Tris Prior and Tobias Eaton to become real.

Language and Meaning

The language used in “Insurgent” by Veronica Roth tends to be relatively informal and relies a great deal on dialogue between the characters. There are terms used that are specifically related to the story and might not be easily understood if not explained. The author does a good job of explaining technical terms and procedures.

The language used by Tris and the other characters is very descriptive and is used in such a way that the person she is speaking to can fully understand the meaning and context of what is being said. Roth uses great care in avoiding the use of any dated vocabulary or pop culture references that could date the book in a negative way.

Structure

“Insurgent” by Veronica Roth is a work of fiction. The book is 242 pages in length and is comprised of 47 chapters. The work is presented in a chronological fashion beginning with the time just after Tris has shot and killed Will. This beginning lends itself to a sense of foreboding for the upcoming story.

Aside from flashbacks, the book spans a relatively short period of time in which Tris and the others make a plan to destroy the lead faction because things are getting out of control. The end of the book is a cliff hanger, leaving the reader to look forward to another sequel.



Quotes

Now that the adrenaline rush of yesterday is gone, and whatever made me sleep has worn off, the deep ache and shooting pains of my shoulder are intense. I am wearing the same clothes I wore last night.

-- Tris (chapter 2 paragraph 6)

Importance: This quote shows that Tris is coming to terms with the events that have brought her to this place.

I learned in Faction History that the Amity recognize no official leader—they vote on everything, and the result is usually close to unanimous. They are like many parts of a single mind, and Johanna is their mouthpiece.

-- Tris (chapter 3 paragraph 2)

Importance: Tris feels it is important to remember how Amity works and the importance of Johanna in the process.

On it is the simulation data that controlled the Dauntless, and the record of what the Erudite did. It feels too important for me to even touch, but I can't leave it here, so I grab it and wedge it between the dresser and the wall. Part of me thinks it would be a good idea to destroy it, but I know it contains the only record of my parents' deaths, so I'll settle for keeping it hidden.

-- Tris (chapter 2 paragraph 3)

Importance: This quote shows that Tris is struggling with letting go of the things that were once important to her.

We have arrived at the conclusion that we will establish our faction headquarters as a safe house for members of all factions," she says, "under a set of conditions. The first is that no weaponry of any kind is allowed on the compound. The second is that if any serious conflict arises, whether verbal or physical, all involved parties will be asked to leave. The third is that the conflict may not be discussed, even privately, within the confines of this compound. And the fourth is that everyone who stays here must contribute to the welfare of this environment by working. We will report this to Erudite, Candor, and Dauntless as soon as we can.

-- Johanna (chapter 2 paragraph 98)

Importance: This quote shows the stark contrast between the Dauntless and the Amity, a peace loving people. Both Tris and Tobias know they won't be able to remain at the compound for long.

When I found out that I was Divergent ... when I found out that Erudite would attack Abnegation... those revelations changed everything. The truth has a way of changing a person's plans.

-- Tris (chapter 3 paragraph 7)



Importance: Tris realizes that not everything is as it seems. She must often adjust to the truth as it becomes clear.

Our Erudite and Dauntless friends are looking for some people,” Johanna says. “Several members of Abnegation, three members of Dauntless, and a former Erudite initiate.” She smiles. “In the interest of full cooperation, I told them that the people they were looking for were, in fact, here, but have since moved on. They would like permission to search the premises, which means we have to vote. Does anyone object to a search?

-- Johanna (chapter 7 paragraph 4)

Importance: Johanna's tone of voice lets Tris' group know that they have to get out because there is no longer protection for them at the Amity compound.

I don't usually run away from things, but I would run from this.

-- Tris (chapter 13 paragraph 3)

Importance: Tris confesses to having more fear about her emotions about killing Will than she does about being caught in physical danger.

You're ridiculous, is what you are.” She sighs. “Get your stuff together. You're Dauntless, and it's time you acted like it. You're giving us a bad reputation among the Candor.

-- Lynn (chapter 14 paragraph 4)

Importance: Lynn has a way of comforting Tris; but, deep down she knows Lynn is right.

I try to put myself in Jeanine Matthews's place. I already know she won't negotiate with Jack Kang. Why would she need to? He has nothing to offer her. She will use the situation to her advantage.

-- Tris (chapter 19 paragraph 9)

Importance: Tris begins to look deeper into the motives of people and wonder why Jeanine would meet with Kang. Kang is the one that needs the help. He also runs the risk of being assassinated by meeting with representatives of another faction.

I am almost afraid of him. I don't know what to say or do around the erratic part of him, and it is here, bubbling just beneath the surface of what he does, just like the cruel part of me. We both have war inside of us. Sometimes it keeps us alive.

-- Tris (chapter 20 paragraph 4)

Importance: Tris realizes that while she and Tobias are very close there is still a part of him that carries a rage so strong that it scares her.