



The Perfect Candidate

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Tome Society It List Discussion Guide



Pre-reading questions:

1. Have you ever felt like a “big fish in a little pond”? Have you ever been put in a position where it was reversed and you were a “little fish in a big pond”?
2. What do you think would be some duties of a congressional summer intern?
3. How does it make you feel to get something due to connections (family, friends, etc) vs. getting something due to your own merit?

Post-reading questions:

1. Why do you think the Congressman’s office chose Cameron as an intern even though he wasn’t wealthy or well-connected?
2. Why do you think Cameron didn’t call out Hillary for bullying him in high school when he realized she was his roommate?
3. What would your reaction have been if someone approached you the way Memo approached Cameron?
4. *Spoiler alert* Did you catch on that Katie was involved in Ariel’s death before it was fully revealed?
5. *Spoiler alert* Why do you think Cameron’s mom has been in hiding for all of these years?
6. *Spoiler alert* What do you think Cameron’s mom’s job is/has been for the past 18 years?

Post-reading Activities

1. Create a fan fiction epilogue to The Perfect Candidate. Follow the guidelines for the Fan Fiction competition at <http://www.tomesociety.org/competitions.html> to enter your writing in the Tome Competition.
2. Create a book review vlog of The Perfect Candidate. A vlog is a 6-10 minute video blog book review. Note: A vlog is normally a very casual video without added graphics. It mainly focuses on the thoughts of the person(s) sharing. Follow the guidelines to enter your vlog in the Tome Competition.
3. Create a book trailer for The Perfect Candidate. A book trailer is similar to a movie trailer. Follow the guidelines to enter your book trailer in the Tome Competition. Visit <http://www.tomesociety.org/competition-exemplars.html> for an example of a book trailer.

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