

The Teen's Guide to World Domination: Advice on Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Awesomeness

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1) READ THE TEXT.

It's no secret that the teenage years can be **tough**. But despite the difficulties they are also potentially some of the most **thrilling** times of our lives. They are the times when we discover all the amazing things



that we are capable of and start to make them happen. They are the beginning of our journey into life as an adult. As with other long and exciting journeys what we need is a guide to help us through it. The Teen's Guide to World Domination: Advice on Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of

Awesomeness is exactly that; a book for teenagers to help them achieve their very best. From cover to cover is it full of **insightful** advice that will inspire and entertain anyone who reads it.

The author Josh Shipp knows what he's talking about. He was a problem teenager himself but these days he makes his living helping teenagers help themselves and helping their parents understand them better. He is also a regular contributor on teen issues for many different media companies.

To help us through the teenage years, John introduces us to a colourful cast of villains which we must face and defeat before we can reach the 'awesomeness' that all teenagers are capable of. If we want to achieve our true potential, these are some of the obstacles that might try and get in our way:

Vampires - All those bad things in life that you find yourself attracted to even though you know they are bad. Stop them from trying to lead you the wrong way and learn how to stay far away from them.

Robots - The people in your life who want to control you. They want to see you do the same things they do. **Break free** from their programming and find your own path through life.

Ninjas — You think they are your friends but really they're just using you to get what they want. Don't be **fooled** by them. It's time to fight back.

Puppies - They seem cute and **cuddly** but are they really? Look closer. Don't be blinded by their immediate **appeal**. **Beware** of the danger they hold. **Pirates** - The mean kids in life who make your life a misery. There's no room for them in your world. Find out how to keep them out of your life.

Ghosts - We all get it wrong from time to time and these are the memories of mistakes you have made that make it difficult for you to move forward. But you need to break free from the past. It's time to forget them and move on.

Zombies - The complainers who want to share their unhappiness with you. You don't have the time to listen to them. **Stay clear** of their negativity and don't let them bring you down.

2) WORK ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES.

- What type of text is it? **AN ARTICLE** **A BOOK REVIEW** **A STORY**
- Could you spot these words and phrases in the text? Match them with the definitions:

TOUGH

THRILLING

PURSUIT

INSIGHTFUL

BREAK FREE

TO BE FOOLED

CUDDLY

APPEAL

BEWARE OF

STAY CLEAR

That causes excitement and pleasure.

To escape from someone's hold.

Difficult.

The quality of being attractive or interesting.

Having or showing an accurate and **deep** understanding.

The act of following someone or something to try to catch him, her, or it.

To avoid someone or something.

To be tricked.

Pleasant to cuddle, especially as a result of being soft or plump.

To be cautious and alert to risks or dangers.

- Who are the 'villains' that the author introduces, and what should the reader do with them?

- Read the review again. Which one of Shipp's 'villains' are these people talking about?

1. *My dad wants me to be a doctor, just like him.*
2. *The last time I had to stand in front of the class and talk I made a fool of myself. I never want to do it again.*
3. *Jenny Wilson says that life is never fair. I always feel depressed when I hang out with her.*
4. *I've got a feeling that Bobby only likes coming over to my house because he likes my sister.*
5. *I waste far too much time on the PlayStation. I wish I could stop playing it all the time.*
6. *Robbie Dawson is a bully. I'm scared to go to school because I know he's there waiting for me.*