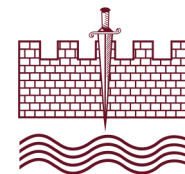


# Half term 5 & 6

## Looking For JJ

# Key Stage 3: Year 8

## Knowledge Organiser



### THE BLURB OF LOOKING FOR JJ:

Three children walked away from the cottages on the edge of town toward Berwick Waters. Later that day, only two of them came back. . . Alice Tully knows exactly what happened that spring day six years ago, though it's still hard for her to believe it. She'll never be able to forget, even though she's trying to lead a normal life.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Anne Cassidy was a teacher for 20 years and in 1989 started writing books for teenagers. Her first book was published in 1991 and since then has published thirty teen novels. She writes crime fiction and is best known for her book Looking For JJ, which was shortlisted for many awards.

### OTHER BOOKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR:

- Finding Jennifer Jones
- Forget Me Not
- Love Letters
- Missing Judy
- Innocent
- Tough Love
- Just Jealous

### EXAM SKILLS:

- AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts using textual references. Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.
- AO2: Use PEEL to analyse how the writers use language and structure techniques to achieve effects and influence readers
- AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written
- AO5: Respond creatively, effectively and imaginatively. Adapt tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.

*"Why was everyone so interested in her now? When it was too late to change anything? What was the point?" - Anne Cassidy*

### SUCCESS CRITERIA:

1. Identify techniques and analyse language, form and structure.
2. Understand and comment on the writer's intentions.
3. Understand and evaluate the reader's response.
4. Understand and evaluate the effects and significance of context (audience, social, historical, cultural).
6. Be able to explore a text independently and interpret and evaluate the ideas.
7. Use precise evidence to support ideas.
8. Analyse multiple meanings/interpretations where possible.
9. Use material to create own creative responses

### KEY CHARACTERS

Jennifer Jones (JJ)—a girl who has served six years in prison for murdering her friend Michelle and recently been released

Alice Tully—the protagonist of the novel

Rosie—Alice's roommate, works as a social worker

Pip and Jules—Alice's co-workers

Frankie—Alice's boyfriend

Carol—JJ's mother

Danny—Carol's boyfriend

Derek Corker—detective

### KEY TERMS

Thriller novel—a genre of fiction including crime, horror or detective elements. Thrillers are characterized and defined by the moods they elicit, giving their audiences heightened feelings of suspense, excitement, surprise or anticipation

Crime Fiction—narratives that centre on criminal acts and especially on the investigation, either by an amateur or a professional detective, of a crime, often a murder

Justice—fair behaviour or treatment

Manslaughter—the crime of killing a human being without malice aforethought, or in circumstances not amounting to murder

Vigilante—a person who tries in an unofficial way to prevent crime, or to catch and punish others