

Book Assessment: Who Turned Out the Lights by Scott Bittle and Jean Johnson, HarperCollins, New York, 2009, 339 pages

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Please read this paper carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, see me in Room 104 or in Campus Ministry on school days.

Assessment Criteria

- A) Read the questions below, and have typed notes on your answers to them. You should use them during the assessment period, which will be a group discussion of the book. I will collect the notes at the end of the discussion. The notes should be in a bullet-point format. They do not have to be complete sentences, but should demonstrate thoughtful preparation. **This is 50% of your assessment grade**
- B) You must participate actively in the book discussion, which will take place during the one-hour assessment period. I will use questions below as a basis for discussion. In this discussion, demonstrate that you have read the book, and have some thoughts about its content. I ask all participants to speak at least 3 times during the assessment period. I will call on you or you can volunteer your thoughts. **This is the other 50% of your assessment grade.**

Note: Please bring your book to the assessment period. You may use it during the discussion by reading from it, if you choose.

Questions for the Assessment Period

As noted above, bring typed notes on these questions to the assessment period.

1. If you were talking to a friend, how would you describe this book, its purpose and style?
2. There are a number of key sections early in the book where the authors lay out their basic perspectives. Comment on what you read in the following sections:
 - Six Reasons to Act (pgs. 6-8)
 - Three Flawed Ideas (pgs. 43-52)
 - The Basics: Ten Facts You Should Know (pgs. 58-75)
4. What, according to the authors, are the plus's and minus's of the following energy options?
Coal Nuclear Power Solar Power Wind Power Hydroelectric Power
5. From pages 261-283, the authors describe various suggested actions steps. Which steps do you most agree with? Least agree with?
6. What did you like about how the book was written? What did you not like about how the book was written?