



## JUNK FOOD: The Sinister Food Scientist Attack

Sinister Junk Food Scientists are manipulating snack foods of America by making them ULTRA-PROCESSED! As a health conscious member of society, it is your mission and duty to investigate, find out what's going on and to inform and prevent others from becoming addicted. You have 48 hours to complete this mission...your assignment is as follows:

**Part I:** Read the Scholastic Choices article, titled "[The Sinister Science of Irresistible Junk Food](#)". (January 2017) and use the information to solve the following mysteries.

1. Sinister Junk Food Scientists are using a secret agent called *vanishing caloric density*. What is this and how does it work?
  
2. When did Sinister Junk Food Scientists start sabotaging our snack foods?
  
3. Why did Sinister Junk Food Scientists sabotage our snack foods? What did their industry have to gain from this act of corruption?

4. Specifically explain how they are using accomplices such as salt, fat and sugar to accomplish their villainous acts. Thoroughly explain and address each.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How can the average person outwit the Sinister Junk Food Scientists and their plot to corrupt healthy snack habits? Provide at least 5.

**Part II:** Create a "Storyboard That" Presentation ([www.storyboardthat.com](http://www.storyboardthat.com)) to depict the events of the Junk Food Scientist (Part I #1-5) through comic book style illustrations and concise descriptions. The storyboard should make sense to young children (3rd through 6th grade), helping them to make snack choices that outwit the scientists. Your board must be 2 rows by 3 in length.

**Due Date:** Projects will be shared via Google Classroom by

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Answers written in complete sentences \_\_\_\_\_/5

\_\_\_\_\_/25 Total Points

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Illustrations appropriate for subject \_\_\_\_\_/10

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