

Atonement (by Ian McEwan)

① In 4 to 6 sentences, write a *short summary* of what the main plot of the novel is about.

② Write a brief description (2 to 3 sentences) for each character, summarizing their importance in the story, personality traits, motivations, notable actions, and relationship to other characters.

Briony Tallis	
Cecilia Tallis	
Robbie Turner	
Emily Tallis	
Leon Tallis	

③ Answer the following questions to gain a *deeper understanding* of the book.

What are the *central themes* of Ian McEwan's novel "Atonement"?

What are the *main conflicts* that arise between the characters, and how are they resolved or maintained?

What *historical events* or *cultural aspects* are addressed in the novel?

How do *societal norms* and *expectations* influence the characters' behavior?

What are the various possible interpretations of the *title* "Atonement"? What does "atone-ment" mean in the context of the plot?

