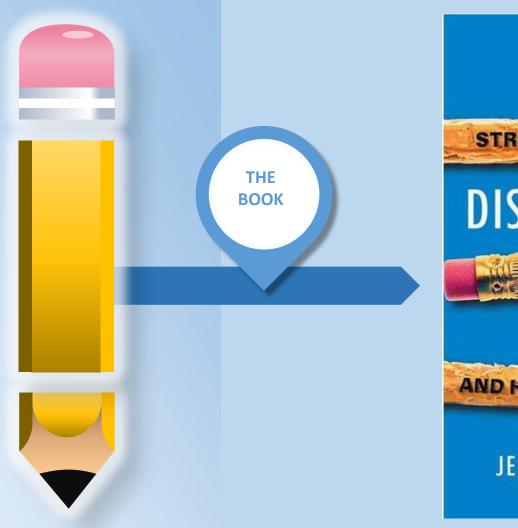
# The Disintegrating Student



A BOOK DISCUSSION with Kamilah Holmes



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STRUGGLING BUT SMART

## DISINTEGRATING

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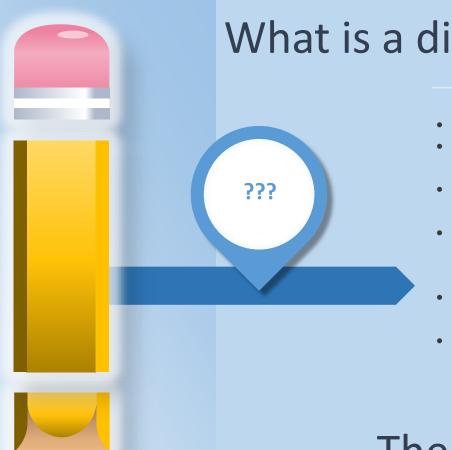
FALLING APART

### STUDENT

AND HOW TO TURN IT AROUND

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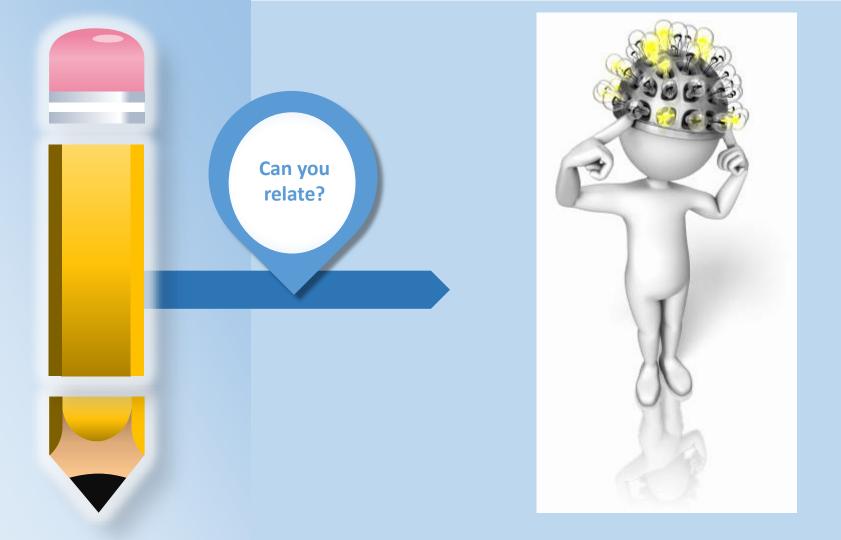




### What is a disintegrating student?

- Commonly occurs in public education
- History of outstanding achievement (ability non-withstanding)
- Many identified as intellectually gifted in early years
- Without warning, conscientious, motivated student seems to fall apart (academically and emotionally)
- Lower grades is typically the most obvious sign for parents
- The "reasons" or "causes" aren't easily identified

The story of "Craig"

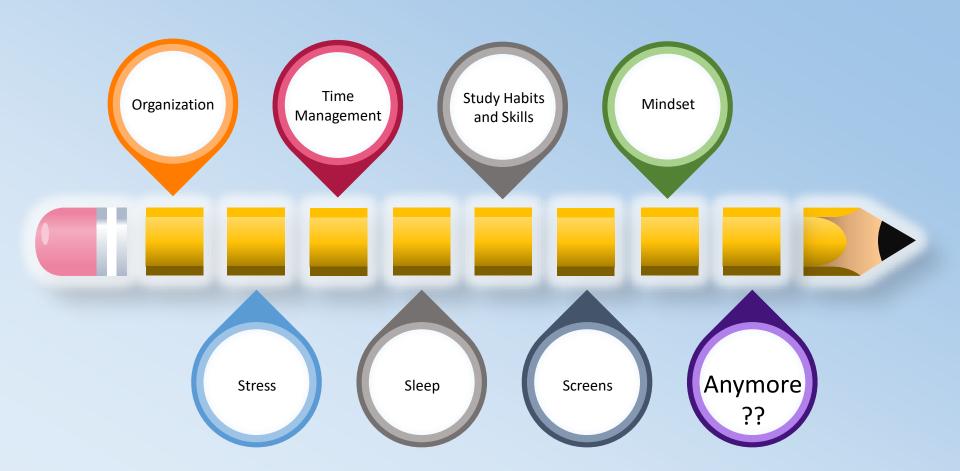




### The Tipping Point

- As students progress into secondary school and encounter more (and significantly more difficult) schoolwork, they inevitably reach a point where they can no longer manage it easily. This is called the *rigor tipping point*.
  - A perfect storm of external and internal pressures.
- Skill deficits and counter productive behaviors become observable
- Can happen anytime but typically during 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades as well as second semester of freshman year in college.

### SKILL DEFICITS AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BEHAVIORS







## Parental Influences

- Good intentions
- Power Struggles
- Parenting Styles
- Consistency, Structure and Unconditional love
- Life Skills
- Responsibilities and Expectations
- Raising Responsible Humans





### 77 Tips to Be Productive and Well



Develop an S.O.S. plan

Time Management

Think of your future self

#### **Study Habits and Skills**

Be Bored

#### Mindset

Cultivate a growth mindset

#### Stress

Reach out, connect and help others

#### Sleep

Keep a pencil and paper by your bed

#### **Screens**

Earn it (from yourself)



# **Building Trust**

- They ARE still growing (inside and out)
- It's NOT about us we are growing as parents and it matters
- Understand their PERSONALITY (and yours)
  - Cooperative Problem Solving Improving Communication
    - Undivided Attention
    - Active Listening
    - Empathy
    - Acknowledging the Good
    - Knowing your Triggers
    - Being vulnerable

