

Honors English 9: Summer Reading Assignment

Content Objective: Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.

Language Objective: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Directions:

1. Obtain a copy of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon. See Mrs. Pacal in the front office to borrow a school copy or purchase your own.
2. Read the text.
3. Annotate for the following information:
 - a. How does Christopher **change** from the beginning of the story to the end?
 - b. How does Christopher **interact** with other characters in the novel, and how do those interactions change over time?
 - c. How does the character of Christopher develop the **theme** of the novel?
4. You'll be asked to use quotations from the novel as evidence. If you over-annotate, you may struggle to find the information you're looking for when the time comes.
5. Bring your annotated book to class on the first day of school. Be prepared to write an in-class essay and/or participate in discussion.
6. If you have questions, Mr. Parker may be reached by email at mparker@pcschools.us until June 9th.
7. Enjoy your summer!