

Incoming English 10 Summer Reading Assignment

Required Reading: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon.

The following assignment is **due on the first day of school**. Assignments turned in after this day will lose **2 points per day** for each day past the deadline.

In addition to this assignment, there will be a quiz on The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time on the first Monday of the school year.

Academic English Assignment

Answer the prompt in a **well-developed five paragraph essay**. Remember that a paragraph is 5-8 full and complete sentences. Essays may be handwritten or typed. **If handwritten, the writing must be neat and easy to read; if I cannot read the essay, you must rewrite or type it. If typed, it must be 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced.**

Prompt: How do the first few chapters of Curious Incident (where we learn about Christopher's particular way of seeing and understanding the world) set up Christopher's character for the duration of the novel? Pick **two** parts of Christopher's character and show *how* Haddon develops them throughout the novel. You must use a **minimum of one direct quote** from the novel.

Honors English Assignment

Answer the prompt in a **well-developed five paragraph essay**. Remember that a paragraph is 5-8 full and complete sentences. Essays may be handwritten or typed. **If handwritten, the writing must be neat and easy to read; if I cannot read the essay, you must rewrite or type it. If typed, it must be 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced.**

Prompt: Christopher has a unique perspective through which the story is told. Explain how Haddon uses language and particular details to allow the reader to see the world through Christopher's eyes. How does he see the world and what is his experience? You need to use at least **three** specific examples from the text, with a **minimum of one direct quote** from the novel. When looking for evidence, choose passages that represent Haddon's writing style. Please be sure to explain/discuss particular literary elements of style, such as imagery, syntax, metaphors, tone, etc.

If you have questions, concerns, need clarification, or want help, please email me throughout the summer! If you don't understand the prompt or parts of the prompt, please email me throughout the summer! You have 9 weeks of summer, don't wait until the last minute to ask questions about the assignment! There is **no leniency** for students who show up on the first day of school without the assignment with the excuse that they didn't understand because I am telling you to email me! 9 weeks is *plenty* of time to read and complete this assignment!

As a reminder, plagiarism in any form will result in an automatic zero, with absolutely no exceptions. This includes plagiarizing your peers. It's great to help each other, but make sure you are not "coincidentally" writing the same essay.

Have a wonderful summer! I look forward to starting our academic and literary adventure together!

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