

English 12

Summer Reading Assignments

No sources, other than the sources listed on this assignment handout, may be consulted for this assignment.

1. **Read** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. Complete the reading assignment on this page.
2. **Be prepared** to participate in discussions and to write an in-class essay on the summer reading during the first week of school.
3. **Write your college essay.** See the instructions on the attached sheet.

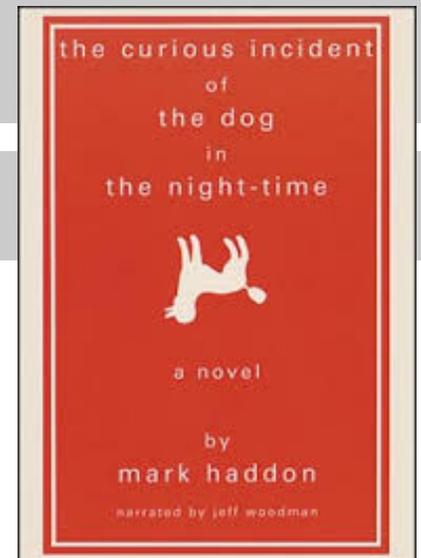
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Assignment for

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Read the novel, and annotate the text for the topics below. Purchase a new copy of the book; previously annotated texts are not allowed. The suggestion here is to use this assignment as your bookmark for handy reference to the theme topics.



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years. (from *Amazon*)

Theme Topics and Reading Assignment

Having finished your reading and annotations, you must bring your copy of *Curious Incident* to class the first day. There will be an annotation grade and a content reading quiz followed by discussions and a written theme response.

Theme topics include the following and should help guide your annotations:

1. Challenges that Christopher faces
2. Things that upset him
3. Things that he doesn't understand
4. Things that you admire about him
5. Small town issues
6. Cultural differences

Rising Senior Summer Assignment – College Essay

Senior teachers and college counselors would like to help you get started on your college essay, which can be a very time consuming project during your senior year. This part of the summer assignment requires the following for a completion grade:

- Pick one prompt below on which to write your essay.
- Type what you consider to be a final draft of a college essay.
 - Type the prompt at the top of the page.
 - Type in 12-point font, double-spaced.
 - Include a **Word Count** at the bottom of the page. (Highlight only the essay portion to get an accurate word count. The limit is 500 words.)
- Bring the essay to class on the first day of school.

You will receive a completion grade for meeting those criteria. Both your English teacher and your college counselor will help you revise the essay so that it introduces you to college admissions teams in the most effective way.

from the Common Application

Common Application Essay Prompts

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.