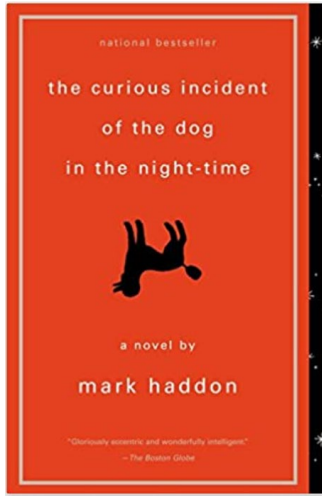




POPE JOHN PAUL II
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

English 12 (non-AP) SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
ISBN 978-1400032716



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. (Amazon)

As you read the novel, annotate for the theme topics listed below. In addition to the theme topics, annotate for examples of how Haddon characterizes Christopher through his words, choices, and perspective.

1. Perspective and subjectivity
2. Cultural differences
3. Parenting and families
4. Safety and trust
5. Coping with loss (and loss in general)
6. Logic vs emotion

You must bring your copy of the novel to class the first day. There will be an annotation grade and a content reading quiz followed by discussions and a written theme response.

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