English 1, Level 2 (N200132)

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

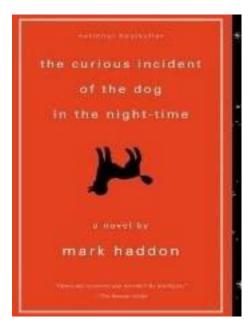
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Fifteen year-old Christopher John Francis Boone is mathematically gifted and socially challenged, raised in a working class home by a father who can barely cope with his child's quirks. Late one night, Christopher comes across his neighbor's poodle, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork; Christopher cradles the dead dog in his arms, only then to be arrested. After spending a night in jail, Christopher resolves to discover who actually murdered

Wellington.

(adapted from the Amazon blurb)

<u>Note</u>: The book is written almost like a diary, with Christopher using the "I"-voice to describe events, to draw pictures or maps, and to share his interests in math, space travel, and patterns.



Once you join your Freshman English class in the fall, your English teacher will collect your copy of the book to give you feedback- not a grade -on your annotations. Here are some suggestions for what and how to annotate. The following is a list of options, not of requirements. If you consistently used 1 or 2, that would be great.

- write a 2-3 bullet point summary at the end of each chapter;
- create a title for each chapter;
- list the major characters with brief descriptions and connections to each other; or
- bracket sections that surprise, disturb or confuse you

Reading a library book or e-text? -Keep your annotations on post-Its or in a notebook, then turn those in to your teacher.

Whatever you choose to do, remember that you're annotating to better understand the book, not to get a grade. While reading, keep your marks simple and quick, so that you don't get pulled away from the story.

And enjoy! We look forward to meeting you soon!