

## English 1, Level 2 (N200132)

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

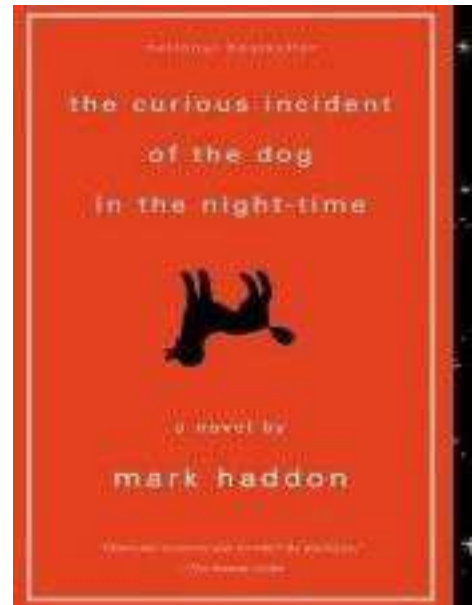
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Fifteen year-old Christopher John Francis Boone is mathematically gifted and socially challenged, raised in a working class home by a father who can barely cope with his child's quirks. Late one night, Christopher comes across his neighbor's poodle, 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)

Note: 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!*