



**Proviso East/Proviso West/PMSA**  
**COLLEGE READING AND WRITING**  
**Required Summer 2022 Reading Assignment**  
**Due Date: September 1<sup>st</sup> (first full day of school)**  
**Point Value: 50 points**



*Welcome to College Reading and Writing!* We look forward to a year of learning and growth with you.

Your summer reading book is *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. We will be using this book during the first few weeks of class, so plan on bringing it with you when your return to school. Books may be available for checkout at your home school before finals week. You can also check out the book from a local library or purchase it from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Half-Priced Books, or other book vendor.

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is a mystery sprinkled with humor and heartbreak about a mathematically gifted teenager who, despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, decides to investigate the suspicious murder of a neighbor's dog. Along the way, Haddon writes a detective novel and uncovers his own family secrets.

**Part One: Reading Journal (20 points)**

Choose two chapters from pages 1-100 and two chapters from page 101 to the end of the book and write 4 journal entries for each chapter (a minimum of 5 sentences for each entry). The journal entries should focus on one of these topics:

- What does this chapter inspire you to think about?
- What connections do you make between this chapter and another text you've read?
- What do you find interesting about the author's language or writing style in this chapter and why?

NO PLOT SUMMARY, PLEASE. Identify page numbers of chapters. You may type or handwrite the journals on notebook paper.

**Part Two: Written Essay (30 points)**

Write an essay approximately 500 words in length (typed, 2 double-spaced pages, 12 pt. font, 1-inch margins) about one theme in the book and how the author's writing contributed to the theme. Your essay should contain:

- An introduction paragraph with a thesis statement - The thesis statement should identify the theme of the book and two writing strategies (style, tone, structure, characterization) that the author uses to reinforce the theme.
- Two body paragraphs discussing each writing strategy and how the author uses it to support the theme. Provide an example of each strategy as evidence.
- A conclusion paragraph with a summary of your essay's main points and why the theme in the book is an important issue to write about.

## Reading Journal Requirements

*Each journal entry you write is worth 5 points for a total of 20 points.*

- Four entries are written.
  - 2 entries from pp. 1-100
  - 2 entries from pp. 101-end
- Be sure to indicate chapter page numbers.
- Each entry is at least 5 sentences.
- Each entry discusses **one** of the topics below.
  - What does this chapter inspire you to think about?
  - What connections do you make between this chapter and another text you've read?
  - What do you find interesting about the author's language or writing in this chapter & why?

### Written Essay Grading Rubric (30 pts.)

Writing Expectations	<b>Effective</b> Shows solid understanding of sophisticated writing style and form.	<b>Developing</b> Shows understanding of competent writing form and style.	<b>Emerging</b> Shows some evidence of acceptable writing form and style.	<b>Not Yet</b> Needs to show evidence of acceptable writing style and form.
<b>Content:</b> - The writing is logical and clear. - The writing shows insight and relevant observations. - Textual evidence is used to support ideas.	9-10	7-8	5-6	1-4
<b>Structure:</b> - Each paragraph is logically organized. - Essay contains introduction, body and conclusion paragraphs.	4-5	3	2	1
<b>Style:</b> - Diction is intentional and appropriate for task. - Sentences are varied and cohesive. - Voice is authentic and natural.	4-5	3	2	1
<b>GPS:</b> - Grammar, punctuation, and spelling should be consistent with standard academic English.	4-5	3	2	1
<b>Presentation:</b> - Student name, date, and course name at top of page. - Essay is typed, 12 pt. font, double-spaced with 1-inch margins.	4-5	3	2	1
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>/30</b>