Summer Assignment – *The curious incident of the dog in the night-time* by Mark Haddon

*I prefer that these be completed electronically on google drive and shared with us, but you can fill this out if you do not have access to it electronically. It is on the school website [www.wuhsms.org](http://www.wuhsms.org) (copy the document into a new Google Document) or email me [mfountain@wcsu.net](mailto:mfountain@wcsu.net) to get a copy or with any questions you may have as you work on this assignment.*

Your assignment is to read the book *The curious incident of the dog in the night-time* and to do some research both outside and inside the text and some brief writing in preparation for writing an essay on the novel once school starts.

In this novel, we are introduced to a character named Christopher who is different. He is very intelligent but he cannot read emotions and struggles in a number of different situations. Although his condition is never clearly stated in the novel, it appears that he is on what is called the “Autism Spectrum”. As the first part of your summer assignment, you are to research “Autism” or “Asperger’s Syndrome” (a type of Autism that some think Christopher might have). After reading about this condition, write a one-paragraph description of it in your own words. If you find it difficult to use all of your own words, then you may use a partial quote (up to eight words) but you must use your words to finish the description.

Note the source where you found the information here (book title, author and page number or website name and address and the date you accessed that website for the information):

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Autism or Asperger’s Syndrome (circle one)

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As you read the novel, look for places where you believe that Christopher displays some of the symptoms of this condition. Complete the chart below (use extra paper or do on google drive for more space) listing traits of Autism or Asperger’s syndrome from your research (you can do either or both) and then something that Christopher does that matches or opposes that trait. Use quotes from the book with page citations as your evidence for Christopher. You must have at least six quotes from various different points in the novel for your evidence, but you are welcome to include more.

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<th>Trait of Autism or Asperger’s Syndrome</th>
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Based on the evidence you have gathered above, is Christopher a realistic character with Autism or Asperger’s Syndrome? Answer this question in one detailed paragraph where you use the evidence gathered above to prove your thesis (a debatable judgment that you will prove – in this case, either that he is or is not a realistic character with Autism/Asperger’s Syndrome). It is easiest to begin with your thesis as your first sentence and then prove it with evidence in the rest of the paragraph.
**This assignment is due on the first day of class. You can put it in the Google Classroom Folder for your class once you have joined my Google Classroom on the first day**