

**Reading Comprehension Questions:**

1. What does Christopher use math to explain in chapter 151?
2. How long does it take Christopher to get back into his father's room? What happens to him at school during that span of time?
3. According to his mother's letters, what happened at Christmas? What role did these events play in his mother's affair with Mr. Shears?
4. Why did Christopher's mother leave? Be specific.
5. List 5 things Chris finds out about his mother and her new life through the letters.
6. How does Chris react when he comes to terms with the fact that his mom is not dead?
7. How does Mr. Boone react when he realizes Chris has read the letters? What is his explanation for lying?
8. What does Chris compare human brain to? How are people like this object?
9. How are humans different than animals?
10. How does Chris calm himself after his bath?
11. Who killed Wellington and why? How does Chris react to this news?
12. Was the killer justified? Explain your answer.
13. Where does Chris go to find peace? What does he take with him?
14. What do you learn from this section about the difficulties of raising a disabled child like Chris? Do you think the author faults the mother for abandoning Chris or does he sympathize with the mother? Explain.

**Reader Response Questions:**

#1: Mother has not appeared directly in the novel. Everything we know about her so far comes from Christopher's memories and the letters. Talk about what impression you have of Mother from the novel so far.

#2: Talk about whether you can remember any clues in the novel which could have helped you to guess who killed Wellington. You could look back through what you have read, skimming and scanning for information.