

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Pages 1-50 Reading Comprehension Questions:

1. What is the name of the dog in the opening chapter? What has happened to him?
2. Why does Christopher need the pictures Siobhan shows him?
3. Why does Christopher like dogs so much? What might this tell us about him?
4. Explain why Chris only likes murder mystery novels.
5. What do you notice about him as he describes the police officers?
6. Why does Christopher groan?
7. How did Chris feel after the police left? Why?
8. According to Chris, how are prime numbers like life?
9. What was it about the cell that Christopher found “nice”?
10. Explain the two reasons Chris finds people confusing.
11. Describe Christopher’s thoughts on page 19.
12. Describe Mr. Boone’s reaction to Christopher’s “incident”. Can you understand his reaction? Why or why not?
13. Describe what happened to Mrs. Boone. Is he unhappy?
14. Explain how Chris decides on a Good Day, Black Day, Quite Good Day, Super Good Day.
15. How does Chris see himself? Do others see him the same?
16. What fear does the narrator overcome while trying to solve the mystery of Wellington?
17. Explain how Chris feels about strangers. Why can’t he look at them?
18. In the conversation with Mrs. Alexander, what is revealed to Christopher?
19. In what ways is Christopher different from the others at his school?
20. How do you feel about Chris at this point? What is he like in your opinion? Is he a good narrator so far? Explain your reasoning.
21. Christopher lists his behavior problems on page 46. Which of the behaviors do you consider to be “normal?” Which behaviors do you think put stress on a family and/or marriage? Explain.
22. Christopher says he will make a good astronaut. Do you agree or not? Why?

Reader Response Questions:

These should be a FULL PARAGRAPH responses. That means AT LEAST 5-7 sentences!

#1: Christopher asserts, "I am not a spazzer." Do you agree/disagree and why. Give examples to support your view.

#2: On several occasions, Christopher expresses his aversion to lies of any kind. In your opinion, why is truth so important to Christopher? Why do his parents feel it's necessary to lie? Support your answer.