

In September we will delve into the following books – it will be **part of your 1st quarter grade**.

Required Reading (Please buy your TWO books – New/used paper copy or E reader is fine!)

- 1. Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte**
- 2. The Curious Incident of The Dog in The Night-Time – Mark Haddon**

You should **read approximately 20 pages a day** and I suggest you read Jane Eyre first. It is a novel about love and a dark secret. By reading at least 20 pages at a time, you will become more involved with the story (which will make you enjoy it more) and you will also keep on track so that you don't need to cram your summer reading in at the last moment. Don't forget your summer reading assignments (that you will get in September when you get back) will be a large percentage of your 1st quarter grade.

ASSIGNMENT FOR BOTH BOOKS – This assignment is designed to help your reading comprehension.

While you read, use Post-it Notes/or highlight and make notes on your Ipad.

Use Post-It Notes or annotate in margins as you are reading Jane Eyre & Curious Incident. The post-it notes/annotations should help you remember details, about characters and plot. It is also a way to help you read critically and keep you engaged with the book. You may want to put post-it notes in your book or highlight when...

- a new character is introduced a character trait is shown due to action
- a major plot shift occurs a new place is introduced
- you don't understand or want to discuss something (? with your thought or question)
- you are excited by something (I love them together! Or She is so funny!)

Do not get too carried away with this – you should read the book to enjoy it (not furiously stop constantly), but the notes do seem to help people keep track of characters, plot points, etc. Different readers will use this technique to varying degrees, but I do want you to use it.

****You will have to bring Jane Eyre & Curious Incident to class with the post-it notes intact/or annotations OR highlights on Ipad version, so that I can see that you used this technique ****

Enjoy the summer and enjoy your reading!

-Ms. Halloran



