

## WSHS Honors English IV Summer Reading

Students,

Read both books and complete the study guide questions. Tests and projects will be given for both books. Units of study have been created for both. Be prepared the first day of school.

### 1. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time By Russell Smith (ISBN-13: 9781400032716)

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. (Haddon, Mark. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time." Bookaxe | Book Recommendations and Readers like You, [www.bookaxe.com/.](http://www.bookaxe.com/))

Note: Be sure to read the novel, not the script of the play. The link in this folder is the correct version.

### 2. Grendel By John Gardner (ISBN-13: 9780679723110)

The first and most terrifying monster in English literature, from the great early epic Beowulf, tells his side of the story in a book William Gass called "one of the finest of our contemporary fictions." (Gardner, John. "Grendel." Goodreads, Goodreads, [www.goodreads.com/.](http://www.goodreads.com/))

#### Ancillary Resources:

For background information on the epic poem Beowulf and a brief summary of the original tale, read "Slaying Monsters Tolkien's 'Beowulf.'" by Joan Acocella.

<<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2014/06/02/slaying-monsters>>.

For further reading, check out Seamus Haney's or Burton Raffel's modern translations of Beowulf or Gareth Hinds' graphic novel of the epic poem.

Here is a link to the books and questions.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1SkDmq95tSC8PUZYJjNMaNfJ1kuAK700p>