

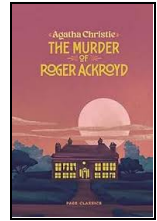


2026 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

English IV Honors

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The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (ISBN13: 978-1-64833-754-3)



- I. **Read** *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie. This classic murder mystery will keep you guessing right up until the reveal. Don't skip to the end; it's worth the experience! Read, **annotate** (not just highlight—interact in writing), and **summarize** every 2-3 chapters with in-book written comments such as:
 - **Record predictions** about the murderer and justify them with specific textual clues
 - **Note** when they *changed their mind* and why
 - **Track** inconsistencies or suspicious details.
- II. As you read, **create a handwritten...**
 - **Poster** no smaller than 16"x20" using the information from the attached **character chart** and adding details about the people as they reveal clues.
 - **One page reflection** on your experience. Did you guess the outcome? What was exciting? Where did the book fall short of your expectations? What about the author's writing style propelled her to both national and international fame?
 - The poster and reflection are due on the first day of class.
- III. Be prepared to have a **Socratic Seminar about the book on day two** of class
- IV. On day one of the school year, **bring a pack of notecards** to create a working list of literary terms, definitions, and examples. (For those who were in my class last year: you may, if you were organized enough, bring in your previous set [there were 50].)

**** The purpose of this summer reading assignment is to interact with the text. As such, the use of AI or other digital aids is not allowed. If used, students will receive a zero on the assignment, a meeting with the Honor Council, and a disciplinary infraction.**

Blank Character Chart

Use this chart to design the poster that you will turn in when you return to school.

Character	Role in Story	Key Traits	Relationships	Possible Motives / Secrets	Important Evidence / Clues
Hercule Poirot					
Dr. James Sheppard					
Roger Ackroyd					
Caroline Sheppard					
Ralph Pato					
Flora Ackroyd					



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Mrs. Cecil Ackroyd					
Major Hector Blunt					
Geoffrey Raymond					
Parker					
Miss Russell					
Charles Kent					
Mrs. Ferrars					