



## **Seeing Asperger and/or Autism From A New Perspective**

EDUO 9401 One Credit/Unit

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There are many books out now with characters who present with qualities of Asperger or High-Functioning Autistic like behaviors. Mark Haddon's, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*, and John Elder Robinson's, *Look Me in the Eye* are two books that do just that.

For this class you can choose one of the two novels listed above and reflect on three different life altering decisions that the authors describe in the book. Make a connection between why these characters chose the path they did and how their Asperger and/or Autism directly affected those decisions.

### **Objectives**

- ❖ To read a book with Asperger and/or Autism influences in it.
- ❖ To increase exposure to the mind of a child/person who has Asperger and/or Autism.
- ❖ To increase your understanding of how Asperger and/or Autism could affect daily life choices.

### **Standards**

- ❖ Examination of two individuals and how they interact with themselves, others around them and society as a whole.
- ❖ Reflection of life altering decisions and how Asperger and/or Autism affect those decisions.

## Grading Rubric

Exemplary A+ - A-	Acceptable B+ - B-	Unacceptable
All assignments are completed accurately.	All assignments are completed accurately.	Text was not read and assignments are incomplete and/or contain inaccurate or inappropriate responses.
All assignments are reflective, thoughtful and relevant to text.	All assignments are complete, identifiable and relevant.	Application of assignment is incomplete and/or irrelevant.
Overall appearance is very well organized and free of spelling and grammatical errors.	Overall appearance is generally organized with limited spelling and grammatical errors.	Overall appearance shows little organization and has spelling and grammatical errors.

## Assignments

1. Choose and read either, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon or *Look Me in the Eye* by John Elder Robinson.
  - While reading the novel, note different life altering decisions each main character makes and the precipitating events and/or outcomes of those choices.
2. Choose three life choices each character makes and make a connection to that decision and how their Asperger and/or Autism may have affected the choice.
3. Compare what the main character chose to do and what you think a neurotypical person might have done.
4. Summarize how the main character's Asperger and/or Autistic like behaviors led them down the life path taken in the book.