Chapters 47–67

**Why does the number of coloured cars have such an impact on**

**Christopher’s day?**

* When he is in the car or bus if he sees four red cars in a row it makes it a good day, 3 red cars in a row makes it a quite good day, five red cars in a row makes it a super good day, four yellow cars makes it a black day (bad day) So his mood of the day depends what colour cars he sees.

**Why does Christopher like things in a nice order?**

* His nice order of things is the logical way, this way makes him feel safe.

**Christopher states that he is not a “spazzer”. What does the term mean**

**and why has he referred to himself in this way.**

* This term means spastic
* He referred it himself as not a spazzer because he is good at maths and physics and he doesn’t think he has the same needs as a spastic and also he thinks that to be good at something like maths and physics you couldn’t possibly be a “spazzer”. But they way people see Christopher is as if he is a spastic.

**What examples are there**

**in this chapter of his unusual way of looking at the world?**

* Becoming an astronaut would be the biggest change you can imagine apart from becoming a girl or dying.
* Since it’s a good day he thinks its safe to find out who killed wellington.

**What is**

**revealed about the narrative point of view in this chapter?**

* That’s he’s very opinionated and only likes to see things his way (one way).

**Do you think**

**Christopher is a trustworthy narrator? Why? Why not?**

* Yes because he can’t tell lies, and no because he thinks differently from other people so it is a totally different perspective than everybody else’s and since he thinks he’s always right so what he thinks is true could be a lie.

**Does Christopher visit his Mum in hospital?**

* No

**What is unusual about Christopher’s emotional response in this chapter?**

* Hewas not very emotional about his mum, he wasn’t sad.
* He saw it the logical way and asked what kind of heart attack etcetc

**Christopher often talks about his teacher Siobhan. What role does she play in Christopher’s life and what do we learn about Christopher through her?**

* Siobhon plays the role of his friend/tutor as Christopher believes she trustworthy and he listens to what she tells him to do. We learn through her that he doesn’t understand human emotions and what is right or wrong and that he has to be told.

**What is the problem with most instructions for Christopher?**

* He takes them too literally, so he does exactly as they say.

**Who didthe fork belong to?**

* Mrs Shears

**How does Christopher justify his investigation intohow Wellington died, even though his father has told him to stay out of**

**other people’s business?**

* This is because he does not always do what he’s told and this is because when people tell him what to do it is usually confusing and doesn’t make sense. Also he doesn’t know what his father means when he says stay out of other peoples business because he does lots of things with other people.

**What qualities does Christopher have that would**

**make him a good detective?**

* He see’s things from all angles as he can’t judge people as he sees everyone as equal.

**What clues do you pick up about other**

**characters and their relationships?**

* That Mr Shears was no longer with Mrs Shears and Christopher’s father also does not like Mr Shears

**What are the clues?**

* “Mr Shears didn’t want to live in the same house as Mrs shears anymore so he probably hated her.”

**Do you and**

**Christopher see things the same way or differently? Explain your answer**

**with details from the text.**

* No we do not see things the same way as he takes things to literally eg. He doesn’t understand a lot of things that mrs shears said to him, like “im going to hit the hay” and “lets rustle up some tucker”. When we hear things like that, we don’t take it so literally, understand it, and know it’s a figure of speech.

**Did Christopher go to his mother’s funeral?**

* No

**How does he see his mother**

**now?**

* At the end he lives with her. So he sees her when shes not working and hes not at school.

**Based on what you know of Christopher’s character explain, using**

**evidence from the text, why he doesn’t believe in life after death, or**

**heaven.**

* Because he believes in a literal way, he believes that dead is when your brain stops working and your body rots so if you have no body or brain you can not possibly be alive. Also he doesn’t believe in heaven as he thinks that people believe in heaven because they do not like the sound of dying.

**What did Christopher do to Sarah?**

* He punched her which made her unconscious and she got a concussion just because she pulled his hair.

**What does this say about**

**Christopher?**

* He will react in violence if he is violated in any way.

**How does Christopher react to new people?**

* Not very well, as he does not like meeting new people as he finds them hard to understand.

**What does he**

**need to know about people to feel safe?**

* He needs to know details about them and have known them for a little while to be able to trust them and for them to not be strangers. He needs to ask questions about them.

**What does the lady at #44**

**suggest Christopher do when he is wanting to find out who would want to**

**make Mrs Shears sad?**

* “perhaps you should be talking to your father about this.”

**What does Mrs Alexander do that makes**

**Christopher uncomfortable?**

* She goes inside to get some biscuits and took too long (6 minutes) which made him nervous because he didn’t trust her and he thought that she would ring the police and get him in trouble so he walked off.

**Who becomes Christopher’s prime suspect?**

* Mr Shears

**How does he work this out?**

* Because since Mr Shears was married to Mrs Shears and then he left her two years ago, Christopher thinks Mr Shears must hate her.

“Mr Shears didn’t want to live in the same house as Mrs Shears any more so he probably hated her and he might have come back and killed her dog to make her sad.”