Chapters 223-233

In the middle of all the drama, this chapter is included. What is the effect on the narrative development and our understanding of Christopher? Why doesn’t Christopher like holidays?  
  
1) Christopher does not like holidays as it is a new environment for Christopher to learn. Due to his mental illness it forces Christopher to take in every single detail and process it through his mind, and because when he takes holidays, it’s to a completely new location for him to scan and understand, which would undoubtedly caused overthought and makes it confusing and ‘hurts’ Christopher’s mind.

Question 3

Why do you think at this point in the story Christopher dreams of a world

with no people who interact with each other? What is shocking or surprising about this

dream? What is understandable about it? Why has Haddon included this chapter and

how does it enhance your understanding of the novel’s ideas and characters?

Christopher dreams of this world because he does not the idea of people talking to him and make physical contact with him, he dreams of a world with no one around to do these things to him, a world where his schedule cannot be affected by others around him. I found that his family being dead in his dream is quite shocking because it was his dream could have easily made a reason for them to be alive. Haddon included this chapter to show how bad Christopher wants to be alone, as he had this dream a lot with many different ways of it happening, he wants this world so bad that he would happily let his family die along with everyone else to get it.

How does Christopher’s arrival affect his mother and Mr Shears’ relationship? What

signals showed things were not that good in London? What makes Christopher decide he

has to go back to Swindon? Do you agree with Christopher’s last statement? Would you

have thought that at the beginning? The novel ends on a positive note, What is your

response to the closing paragraph?

4) On the day of his arrival it created a vast amount of problems for his mother and Mr Shears’ including the lack of space, time necessary for Christopher’s’ care and the money problems that come with it. These overall problems hinder the length of his mothers’ and Mr shears’ relationship as they begin to get more and more agitated with each other due to the economic state their ‘son’ has put them in.