

**Isle of Wight Academy**  
**2021-2022 Required Summer Reading Novel**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The goals of the summer reading assignments for IWA are to improve literacy and to promote lifelong reading. As students grow and mature, they need to continually practice their reading skills. The lists are based on recommendations from classroom teachers, librarians, and students. Each reading selection has an assignment designed to enhance the reading, thought processes and message of the selection.

**Read *Crooked House* by Agatha Christie**

Summary - Three generations of the Leonides family live together under wealthy patriarch Aristide. His first wife dies and her sister, Edith, has cared for the household since then. His second wife is the indolent Brenda, who is much younger and is suspected of having a love affair with the grandchildren's tutor. After Aristide is poisoned by his own eye medication, his granddaughter Sophia tells narrator and fiancé Charles Hayward that they cannot marry until the killer is apprehended. Charles' father, "The Old Man," is the Assistant Commissioner of Scotland Yard, so Charles investigates from the inside along with assigned detective Chief Inspector Taverner. When 12-year old Josephine is discovered seriously injured by a booby-trap and Nanny is poisoned by hot chocolate after Brenda and the tutor are arrested, the danger escalates to a surprise finish.

**Assignment:**

1. Read the Annotation Guide provided. Use the guidelines given to annotate the novel as you read. All annotations must be in **RED** ink. Annotations will be graded.
2. Complete the Character Chart included with this assignment as you read.

**Crooked House**  
**By Agatha Christie**

<b>Character</b>	<b>Alibi/Defense</b>	<b>Suspicious Words/Deeds</b>	<b>Others' perceptions of this character</b>	<b>Your suspicions &amp; supporting evidence</b>
<b>Charles Hayward</b>				
<b>Sophia Leonides</b>				
<b>Brenda Leonides</b>				
<b>Magda West</b>				
<b>Edith de Haviland</b>				
<b>Roger Leonides</b>				

<b>Clemency Leonides</b>				
<b>Laurence Brown</b>				
<b>Josephine Leonides</b>				
<b>Eustace Leonides</b>				
<b>Janet Rowe</b>				
<b>Chief Inspector Taverner</b>				
<b>“This Old Man”</b>				
<b>Philip Leonides</b>				