



Watertown Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Watertown Middle School Students:

At Watertown Middle School we promote summer reading to keep pace with the academic reading during the school year. *All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer.* Research shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of summer vacation (Cooper, 1996).

Watertown Middle School's "One School, One Book" for the summer of 2011 will be The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd.

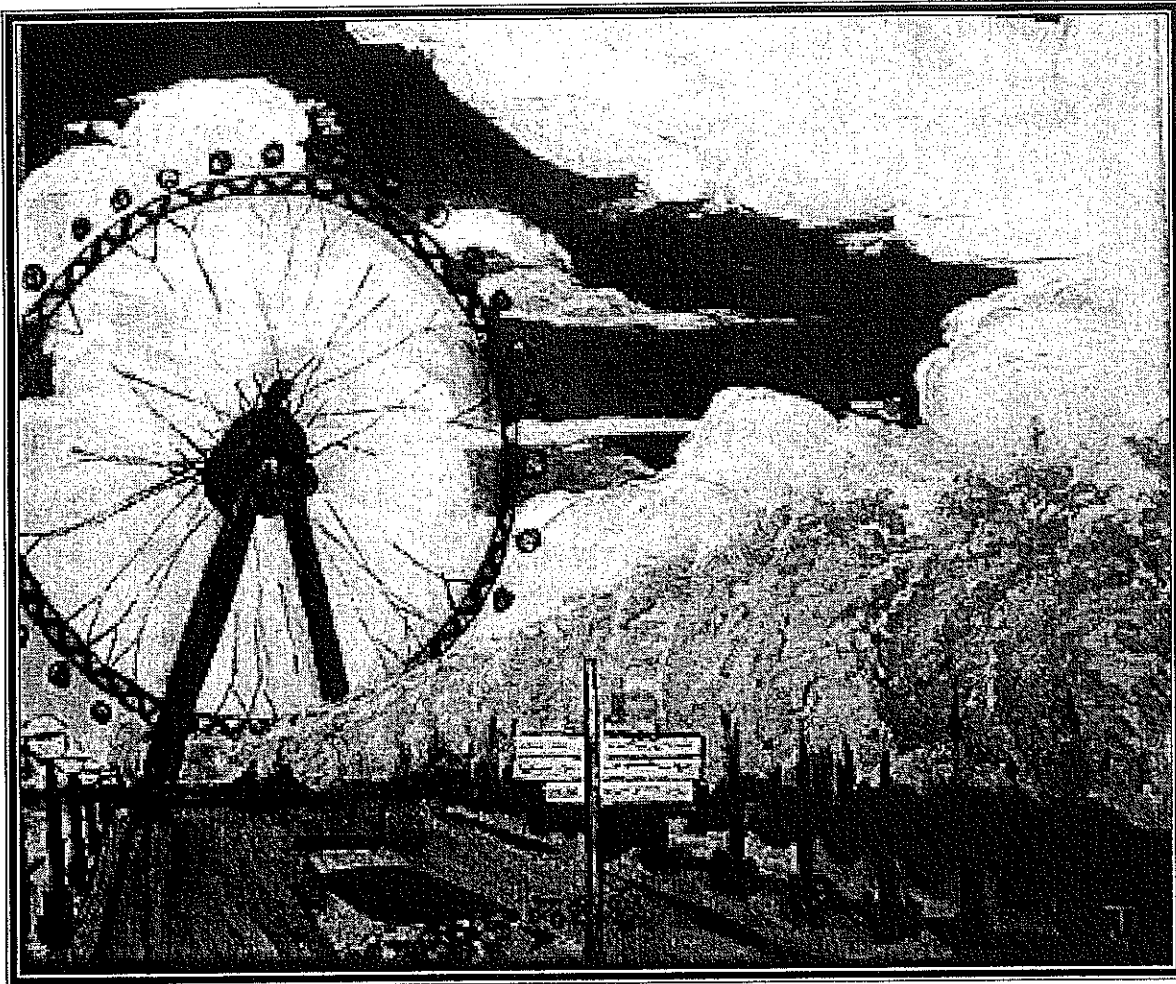
In the fall of 2011 your child's new English teacher will collect the assignments from students during the first week of school. The summer reading packet will be graded and will also be used in whole school activities. **Since this grade will be recorded in English classes as their first major grade for the first school term, students will be rewarded for their summer efforts.** In addition to reading and completing assignments on The London Eye Mystery, we will be asking students to read 2-3 books at their reading level and come back to school prepared to write/complete a project on one or more of the books. Please refer to the suggested reading lists on the Watertown Middle School website.

In addition to assigned summer reading, we encourage students to inquire about teen summer reading programs at their public libraries. Public libraries are in a remarkable position to expose students to great quantities and varieties of print and meaningful language opportunities that are crucial to reading achievement. Books on tape, literary movies, periodicals and alternative literature forms are all language rich and comprehension and vocabulary building opportunities. Students may enjoy the freedom of choice in reading afforded them by a summer vacation as well. The National Reading Panel reported in the year 2000, "The more students read the better their fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and writing."

Please join us in supporting your child's continued progress in the areas of reading and writing. Our best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer

**Summer Reading Packet
Watertown Middle School**

**The London Eye Mystery
by Siobhan Dowd**



Student Name: _____



About Asperger syndrome <http://www.autism.org.uk/>

There are many people with Asperger syndrome in the world.

You cannot tell that someone has Asperger syndrome by looking at them.

Sometimes Asperger syndrome is called a hidden disability.

Asperger syndrome lasts for all of a person's life. Some people know that they have Asperger syndrome when they are children. But sometimes people do not know they have Asperger syndrome until they are older.

People with Asperger syndrome can do a lot of things and learn a lot of skills.

Some people with Asperger syndrome find these things difficult

- They find it difficult to tell people what they need, and how they feel.
- They find it difficult to meet other people and to make new friends.
- They find it difficult to understand what other people think.

What causes Asperger syndrome?

No one knows why people have Asperger syndrome.

If your child has Asperger syndrome, it is not because you are a bad parent.

More than 1 person in a family may have Asperger syndrome. It can be genetic. This means Asperger syndrome can pass from parents to their children.

The National Autistic Society - | Autism | Asperger Syndrome | . 5 Apr. 2011. Web. 01 June 2011.
<<http://www.autism.org.uk>>.

The London Eye Mystery Vocabulary Study Guide

Summer Reading

Queue – a line of people or cars waiting for something

Cantilevered – being supported by a beam that is fastened to a wall or pier at only one end

Anticyclone – a large system of atmospheric high pressure marked by circulating winds moving clockwise from the center in the northern hemisphere and counterclockwise in the southern hemisphere, bringing generally settled weather

Metre – the usual British spelling of meter

Theoretical – based on theory rather than practice or experience

Spectrum – a series of colored bands formed when light is being passed through a prism or in some other way

Icon – an image or picture

Topological map – a map that has been simplified so that many details, such as scale, have been removed, but the relationship between points is preserved (ex: the tube map of the London Underground)

Infinite – without limits; having no beginning or end

Claustrophobic – a very great fear of being in a small or enclosed space

Devastation – ruined or destroyed completely

Consignment – something given over or entrusted

Livid – (1) black and blue from a bruise; (2) pale or red, as a face livid with rage

Metaphor – the use of a word or phrase that is different from its usual use in order to show a likeness to something else

Decapitate – to cut off the head; behead

Palaver – smooth or flattering talks; idle chat

Deduced – figured out by reasoning from known facts or general principles; inferred

Phenomenon – (1) any fact, condition, or happening that can be seen or heard and described in a scientific way; (2) an unusual or remarkable person or thing

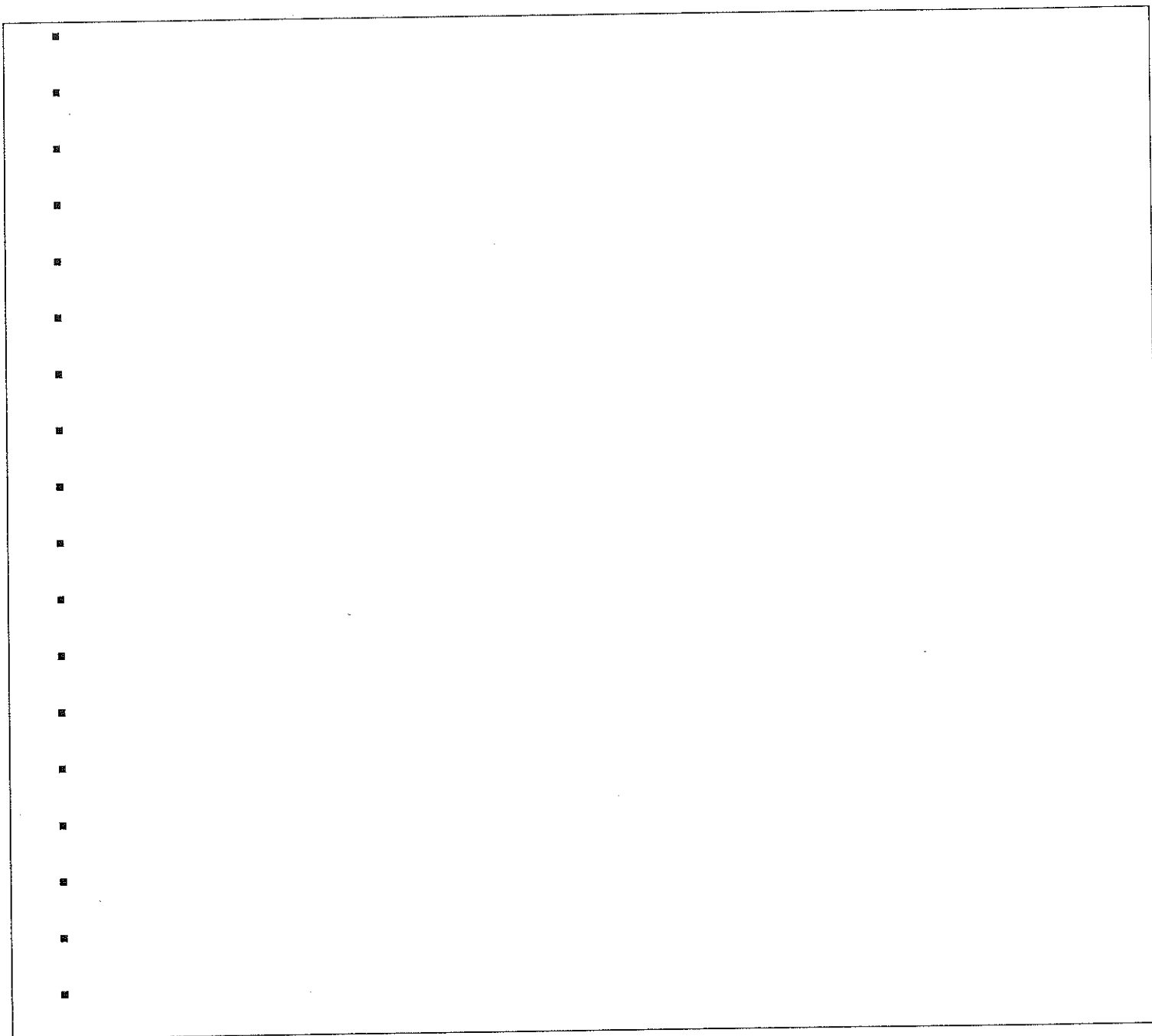
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AS YOU READ: (do this **WHILE** you're reading)

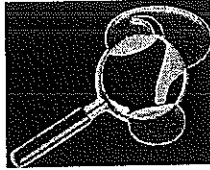
Fill in any information you learn about these new characters as you read (relationships to other characters, what they do in the chapter, words to describe them). Fill up the boxes!

Ted	Kat	Salim	Mum	Dad

Aunt Gloria	Rashid	Inspector Pearce	Marcus Flood	Christy
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Clues and The Facts



Part of investigating a mystery is collecting the facts/data. Retrace the events of the day that Salim disappeared. Ted and Katrina discover clues to help them solve the mystery—in this table, list the clues or facts from the story. All clues should be written with complete sentences! An example has been done for you.

Page #	Clue:
2	A stranger approached Ted, Salim, and Kat while they were in line and offered them a free ticket.
3	Salim went in by himself at 11:32 a.m. and he was due to come down at 12:02 p.m. He never came down.