

ATTWN CHAPTER 9 READING GUIDE

Think of Chapter 9 as a “recap” chapter, meaning lots of information is repeated or summed up for us as readers. As a class, we will read most of the chapter but then we will skim, rather than closely read, the last two sections of the chapter.

Read ALL of Section I:

Complete the directions for Letters A and B.

a.) One characteristic of detective stories is that characters become suspicious of each other. That is certainly the case with the remaining guests. Fill in the blanks based on what you read:

1. Blore accuses Armstrong of _____ (140).
2. Lombard accuses Blore of _____ (141).
3. Blore accuses Lombard of _____ (141).

b.) What does the following **idiom** most likely mean? *Lombard says: “Yes. I believe now that I’m in the same boat as the rest of you”* (143).

Read ALL of Section II:

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate information.

a.) **ANSWER:** The killer wants the guests to die according to his/her plan. He/she does not want them dying of starvation.

What is a **QUESTION** that goes with the answer above?:

_____ ? Hint: Look on p. 144.

b.) Pay attention to where the following characters are and what they are doing. It may be important later.

- “Miss Brent came into the room. She had just dropped a ball of _____ and was carefully rewinding the end of it.”
- “Vera Claythorne hurried in. She was a little out of _____.”
- Dr. Armstrong _____ up. “I’ll _____,” he said. “You others start lunch.”

Read ALL of Section III-IV:

In the space below, list one strong example of diction that helps create suspense. Include quote and page number.

Read ALL of Section V:

Respond to the questions below.

a.) Who dies next? How? How does this coordinate with the poem?

b.) Who does the following quote describe? Why is he given this description? *“Now he assumed command with the ease born of a long habit of authority. He definitely presided over the court” (148).*

c.) What goes in the blank? *The guests determine that Mr. Owen is one of _____.*

SKIM Section VI:

Focus on the bottom of page 152 and 155. What do the characters conclude about the person behind the Soldier Island murders?

SKIM Section VII:

Focus on the end of the chapter. What is Wargrave’s warning/advice to the other guests?