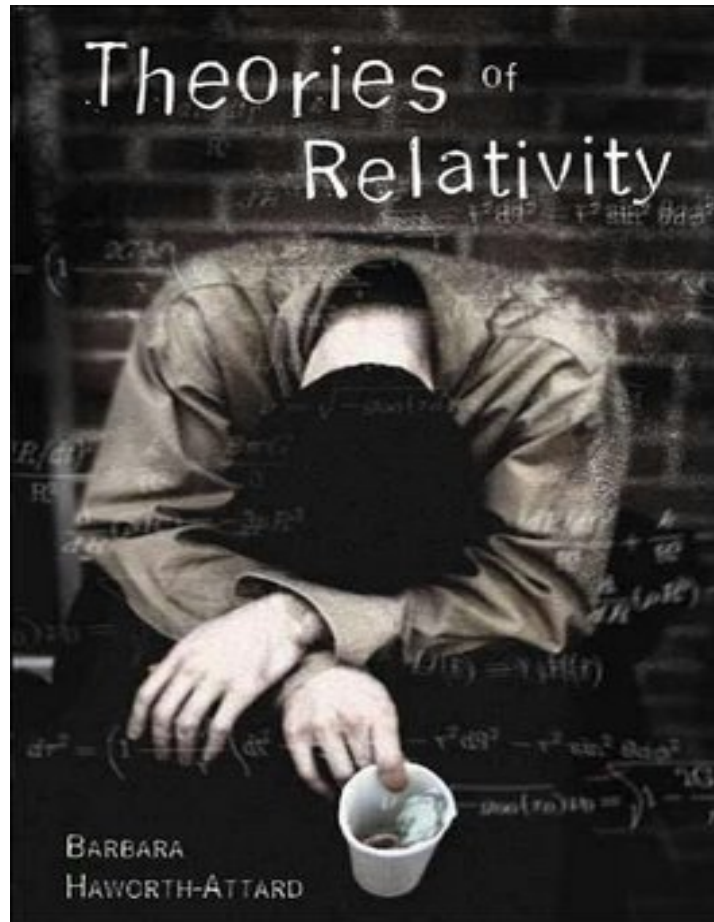


# Theories of Relativity



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**Theories of Relativity Section Assignments**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to our first novel study. Please do not lose this booklet or else you will be filling out a new one. The novel will be divided into SIX sections. (Chapter 1-4, 5-8, 9-12,13-16,17-20,21-28).

For each section you must:

1. Decide on one or two reading strategies that you would like to work on. Later, I will ask you how these reading strategies helped. (It is also practice for the RAD)
2. Add any information to the character charts and to Dylan's chart.
3. When you are reading, keep a log of vocabulary words you come across. Write down the word and the definition (in your own words).
4. The comprehension questions are designed to guide you throughout the novel and quizzes. Because of this, we can focus on themes and big picture questions versus character matching and comprehension in our class discussions.
5. Complete all section comprehension questions. Homework checks will be done frequently for these questions, and each question is worth a mark. I suggest answering the questions as we read, and do not leave it for the last minute. I expect that you complete the questions prior to the start of class on the due date.
6. You may want to add other information to a section that is not covered in the comprehension questions. You should jot it on the side of your booklet or on a separate sheet of paper.
7. After the completion of each section there will be a short quiz. It will take place after we go through the questions in class (usually the following day). As long as you pay attention in class, the quizzes will be easy.
8. Below are the important due dates for each assignment. Please note that due to circumstances, dates may change or assignments may be added/deleted.

Type	Assignment	Due Date
<b>Reading &amp; Questions</b>	Ch. 1 - 4 (p. 3 - 32)	Friday, November 8
<b>Reading &amp; Questions</b>	Ch. 5 - 8 (p. 33 - 71)	Tuesday, November 12
<b>Quiz</b>	Ch. 1 - 8	Wednesday, November 13
<b>Reading &amp; Questions</b>	Ch. 9 - 12 (p. 72 - 109)	Wednesday, November 13
<b>Reading &amp; Questions</b>	Ch. 13 - 16 (p. 110 - 145)	Thursday, November 14
<b>Quiz</b>	Ch. 9 - 16	Friday, November 15
<b>Reading &amp; Questions</b>	Ch. 17 - 20 (p. 146 - 175)	Friday, November 15
<b>Reading</b>	Ch. 21 - 24 (p. 176 - 210)	Monday, November 18
<b>Quiz</b>	Ch. 17 - 24	Wednesday, November 20
<b>Reading &amp; Questions</b>	Ch. 25 - Author's Note (p. 211 - 230)	Wednesday, November 20
<b>Project</b>	Complete a project from the selection provided.	Monday, November 25
<b>Exam</b>	In-Class Comprehension Exam	Wednesday, November 28

1. Do you know anyone who is or has been homeless at some time in their life?
2. What kinds of people are generally homeless?
3. Do you think you could ever be homeless? Why or why not?
4. If you were homeless what would your priorities be? How would you try to survive?
5. What do you do or think when you see a homeless person?
6. If you were homeless, what would you try to do to get back off the streets?

### Comprehension Questions Chapters 1-4

1. What is any good theory based on?
2. Person number one, the woman with the stroller, steers away from Dylan. She is stereotyping him as a dangerous street person. Dylan also stereotypes each person he encounters. What are the stereotypes of each person he encounters?

Person #1	
Person #2	
Person #3	
Person #4	

3. How is Dylan taken back by person number 4 and how does he blow Dylan's first theory?
4. Why does Dylan call himself stupid on page 7?
5. Read the passage, "you'd think when they put these office buildings..." on page 8. What does the reader learn about Dylan?
6. Dylan refers to himself as "lame" at the beginning of Chapter 2; why does he think of himself as lame and what does this tell us about his self-confidence?
7. Dylan initially declines Jenna's offer of food stating he is not hungry. List two reasons why he may have done this.
8. Jenna talks about Brendan and how he watches out for her on page 11. What does this paragraph reveal about Jenna's personality? About Brendan's personality?

9. What are the rules of lying?
  
10. Dylan declines the invite to the party; explain his reason.
  
11. "I live in constant fear of losing me," (pg. 20). Explain the significance of this statement.
  
12. In the first 4 chapters Dylan refers to the people surrounding him as weirdos, psychos and crazies. What is the irony in all of these statements?
  
13. Dylan is not use to people being close to him, and he is very insecure about what he says and speaks. How is this a reflection of how Dylan has grown up?
  
14. Who does Dylan want to be like?

### Comprehension Questions Chapters 5-8

1. What is the irony between Dylan and Jenna's backgrounds?
2. Motif is a term for an idea or theme in literature that is often repeated. In the novel, one motif is flashback. What is it that Dylan continually compares things to?
3. The author introduces Dylan's brothers in chapter 5. Was it necessary to do so when Dylan always reflects back to them? What, in your opinion, is the reason the author adds to this story?
4. Twitch steals the book from the library for Dylan. What is the significance of this action?
5. The manager gives Dylan the once over when he meets him. What life lesson can we learn from this after knowing more about Dylan?
6. As Dylan is scanning the restaurant he sees the computer geek and he sees Vulture. Why does he keep noticing the computer geek?
7. Although the manager does not give Dylan the job he gives him a cup of coffee and some advice. What do you think he saw in Dylan?
8. Dylan is very descriptive when he talks about the photo of his grandparents. What are the key elements he reveals?

9. Dylan has a very interesting run in with Vulture. What technique does Vulture use with Dylan?
  
10. After only being on the street a short time Dylan is becoming paranoid. How is this obvious in his latest meeting with the computer geek? What theory does this relate to early in the story?
  
11. In the previous chapter Dylan said, "I only steal things I need." When he is in the store he says, "I won't take a CD or watch or something I just want. I can live with wanting. But I can't live with needing." Explain.
  
12. Why is it so important to Dylan to not have a nickname?
  
13. "Everyone smokes in here but me" (chapter 8). Why is it so important to Dylan to not be like everyone else?
  
14. Why does Twitch take Dylan to the centre? How does Dylan piece it all together?
  
15. Everyone hides and is quiet around Lurch. How is Dylan different?

### **Comprehension Questions Chapters 9-12**

1. Why is Dylan's theory at the beginning of chapter 9 somewhat controversial to how he has really been towards Lurch and Vulture?
2. In chapter 9 Dylan refers to the computer geek as Glen. What does this tell the reader about Dylan's relationship with him?
3. Read page 91. "The bells chime....she tugs on my sleeve." How many descriptive words are used in this paragraph? List them.
4. What is the importance of gargoyles?
5. Whenever Dylan says something intelligent he calls himself lame. What could be some possible reasons?
6. Why does Dylan have theories?
7. There is an incident that occurs in chapter 12 that shows similarities between Glen and Dylan. Please explain this incident.
8. Why do you suppose Dylan forgot his backpack?
9. Dylan was so opposed to using anything available to him at no cost. Why do you suppose he used the shower and took another free meal from Glen?



### Comprehension Questions Chapters 13-16

1. The greeting Dylan gets from his mother is disheartening. What do you think went through Dylan's mind?
2. What is the game Dylan plays with his mother in chapter 13? Why does he do this in the fashion he does?
3. The letter has a huge impact on Dylan. Explain how this is a key point in the novel for Dylan.
4. Chapter 14 is an interesting point in the novel for Dylan. He states, "the stink of the place clings to my clothes and I recognize it now. Desolation." Explain the significance of this point in the story using the details of his last 8 hours.
5. Dylan does not like commitments. Why?
6. What was the reason that Dylan finally went to get the ticket for the bus?
7. Dylan is making a sacrifice to get the presents for his brothers. What is that sacrifice?
8. What is the theory about Twitch that Dylan wants to prove?
9. Ainsley wants to become a social worker. What are her reasons?
10. The police have up to this point been out and about twice with a photo of Jenna but not worried about Dylan. What can the reader assume?

11. From Einstein's face, what can Dylan tell?

12. Dylan and Jenna's relationship reaches a new level in chapter 16. Please explain the occurrences and things Jenna says that are of importance.

### **Comprehension Questions Chapters 17-20**

1. The way Dylan's mother speaks to him is with a lot of dislike. What are her reasons for being so angry?
2. Why does Dylan leave?
3. At the end of chapter 17, are you surprised that Jenna does not show up? Explain.
4. Who is the man Dylan meets in Murdock?
5. What is the one thing the man remembers about Dylan?
6. Dylan finally has a good sleep. Why?
7. What does Miriam say about never forgetting people when Dylan doesn't recognize his grandfather?
8. What is the word that Dylan has officially experienced?
9. Give a written description of Dylan's father.
10. What was Dylan's grandparent's motto?
11. Dylan is doing things that he learned from his grandparents. Please list them and explain the importance of his actions.

### **Comprehension Questions Chapters 21-28**

1. What kind of driver is Dylan? What happens to him and the vehicle as a result?
2. Who picks Dylan up? Where does he take him?
3. Why didn't Dylan's granddad ever adopt Dylan?
4. What is Ainsley's concern about Amber?
5. What is Twitch's current situation?
6. What does Dylan discover about Amber?
7. Where do they take Dylan once he has been injured? Is this a good idea? What would you have done?
8. What is "home" to Jenna? What do we discover about why she doesn't want to go back there?
9. What does Dylan discover about Jenna and the pills he was getting. Is there a way this discovery ends up being a good thing for Dylan?
10. Where does Dylan go after he leaves Brendan's apartment? Who sends him away? Why?
11. How is it that Dylan sees Einstein? Is he real? A dream. Give your theory.

12. What challenge does Einstein give Dylan. What does Dylan begin to realize?

13. How are Dylan and Einstein similar? How are they different?

14. Why does Dylan have theories? Have these theories worked for him?

15. What might it mean that Dan comes looking for Dylan at the end of the novel?

## **Dylan's Theories**

**Keep a journal of Dylan's theories. Put the page number you found it and the theory.**



