The Dog Who Wanted To Die: Questions

On the second page of the story, David comes home and finds Monty the dog lying on his family’s front lawn. This sends David into a rage – why? If you can think of more than one reason, give all of them!

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Monty appeared to be attempting suicide, he did not seem to care to live anymore. Why do you think this might be?

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Explain this quote in the text, in regards to Monty’s suicide attempts; why would luck be with him? Or, why wouldn’t it be (second page)?



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Once David’s father left, how did David react when his father tried to contact him?

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In YOUR opinion, why do you think, even though he claimed to hate him, did David take Monty in when the Clapham’s abandoned him?

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Why did Mrs. Parker allow Monty to stay?

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What major event caused David to change his mind about Monty?

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Why do you think David finally decided to take his father’s phone call at the end of the story?

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In the outlines below, compare the protagonist David in the beginning of the story to what he was like by the end – think of the changes he went through.

 ***BEFORE AFTER***

 