

Notes for Serial Episode 1: "The Alibi"

1. Who is Adnan Syed?
2. Who is Hae Min Lee? How was she murdered?
3. Explain Hae and Adnan's relationship.
4. Who is Jay?
5. What does Adnan remember about the day of Hae's disappearance?

6. Who is Asia McClain?

Additional Notes

Notes for Serial Episode 2: "The Break Up"

1. What happens at the two school dances?
2. Describe the secrecy surrounding Hae and Adnan's relationship.
3. How did Hae and Adnan break-up?
4. Who is Don?
5. What does the State argue is Adnan's motive to kill Hae?

Additional Notes:

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Notes for Serial Episode 3: "Leakin Park"

1. How sure does Detective Greg MacGillivray feel about Adnan's guilt?
2. Where is Hae's body found?
3. How far from the road is Hae's body?
4. What items are found near Hae's body?
5. How is Mr. S eccentric?

Additional Notes:

Notes for Serial Episode 4: "Inconsistencies"

1. What does the anonymous caller say?
2. How close were Adnan and Jay as friends?
3. Who is Jenn Pusateri? How is she involved in this case?
4. What does Jay admit to lying about to the detectives?
5. Why do the police believe him anyway?

Additional Notes:

Notes for Serial Episode 5: "Route Talk"

1. Is Jay's/ the Prosecution's timeline legitimate? Why or why not?
2. What is the story behind the pay phone in the Best Buy parking lot?
3. Explain as many of the phones calls made as possible, made on the day of Hae's disappearance.
4. What is the significance of the cell phone towers?
5. Who is Will?

Additional Notes:

Episode 6: THE CASE AGAINST ADNAN SYED

Suspicious Activity	Possible Explanation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not being surprised when the police called about Hae's disappearance 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not trying to contact Hae by phone after she was declared missing 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Hae: "I'm really getting annoyed that this situation is going the way it is" she wrote, "you know, people break up all the time. Your life is not going to end. You'll move on and I'll move on. But apparently you don't respect me enough to accept my decision." 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Neighbour Boy" seeing Hae's body according to Laura 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy's observations of suspicious activity 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone calls with Jenn Pusateri 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nisha's phone call 	

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Notes for Serial Episode 7: “The Opposite of the Prosecution”

1. Who is Deidre Enright?
2. How could racial profiling be a factor in this case?
3. What does Deidre say about the possibility of Adnan being a psychopath?
4. What does Deidre’s team find? Do they think he is guilty or innocent?
5. Discuss the forensic reports.

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Notes for Serial Episode 8: "The Deal with Jay"

1. How does the juror describe Jay?
2. What does Trainom say about the case?
3. What does Jay say in his interview with Sarah?
4. What do other think about Jay?
5. How is Stephanie involved in Jay's story?

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Notes for Serial Episode 9: "To Be Suspected"

1. What call does Adnan get at "Cathy's" house?
2. What was Adnan's reaction to Hae's body being found?
3. What happens during Adnan's questioning on February 28?
4. Who is Krista? What is the tone of Adnan's letters to her?
5. What are some of the facts Sarah tells the listener about Hae?

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Notes for Serial Episode 10: "The Best Defense is a Good Defense"

1. What does Shamin Rahman, Adnan's mother believe, is to blame for Adnan's conviction?
2. How does jurors say they felt about Adnan's religion? But what are things that they remember about Adnan's culture or religion?
3. How does Adnan feel about his lawyer, Cristina Guitierrez?
4. Why was the first trial declared a mistrial?
5. Where were the jurors from the first trial leaning towards in terms of whether they would find Adnan guilty or innocent?
6. What was Guitierrez's strategy with Jay?

7. What is Rabia's opinion on Guterrez?

8. How did Guterrez react about she lost Adnan's case?

9. What advice does Adnan give to younger inmates?

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Notes for Serial Episode 11 "Rumors"

1. What "rumors" does Sarah discuss?
2. How does Adnan explain the stolen money from the Mosque?
3. How could it be possible that Adnan "did it, but doesn't remember it"?
4. What is Ewing's response to Sarah's question about Adnan maintaining his innocence?
5. What are the highlights of Adnan's letter to Sarah?

Additional Notes:

Notes for Serial Episode 12 "What We Know"

In the final episode of *Serial*, Sarah goes over some of the most pivotal points of the case. For each topic, fill in the information given in the episode.

Interview with Don	
Information Josh gives about Jay	
Updates on 'The Nisha Call'	
The cell towers / Adnan's call log	
Adnan's Motive / How unlucky he is	
Deidre Enright / Another murderer	

