

MGLA 5th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Students entering the 5th grade for the 2015-16 school year are required to read and complete the assignment for the following book:

Part 1



Palacio, R.J. ***Wonder***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endures the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Overview:

Students are expected to read the novel, *Wonder* by RJ Palacio. They are to complete the attached questions in complete sentences and use details from the novel to support answers.

Comprehension Questions for *Wonder*

Part One- August

Pages 3 to 23

1. Why do people look quickly away when they first see August? Would you?
2. In this section August discusses the issue of him going to school. Why has he never gone to school? Do you think he should?
Pages 24 to 42
3. August goes on the tour of the school and meets three students. In your opinion which one would turn out to be a bully? Why?
4. How would you describe the other students' reactions to August in homeroom?
Pages 42 to 60
5. What does, "When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind," mean?
6. Why does August use a simile to compare himself and Summer to "Beauty and the Beast"?
Pages 61 to 80
7. Why is Halloween a positive thing for August? How is it negative?

Part Two- Via

Pages 81 to 99

9. Do you think Via is jealous of all the attention August gets?
10. Did Via have a good first day of high school?
Pages 100 to 117
11. Who is Miranda and why did she call?
12. August decided to change his costume. How do you think mom reacted to this?

Part Three- Summer

Pages 118 to 132

13. Would you describe Summer as a good person? Why or why not?
14. Do you think Summer thinks Jack is a good friend?

Part Four- Jack

Pages 133 to 150

15. Jack seems to struggle with how he feels about August. What are the positive and negative reasons he gives about being ex- friends with him?
16. Who says "Sometimes you don't have to mean to hurt someone to hurt them," and what does he or she mean by that?
Pages 151 to 185
17. Who does something to the class picture and what character traits does it show about that person?
18. What is the war that is beginning? What role does Julian play in it?

Part Five- Justin

Pages 186 to 204

19. While at dinner Justin has a lot of tics. What are tics and why do they stop?
20. Justin and Olivia are in a play, but Olivia (Via) has not told her parents about it yet. Why do you think she hasn't told them?

Part Six- August

Pages 205 to 234

21. August gets hearing aids in this section. How does he feel about them in the beginning and towards the end of pages in this section?
22. Daisy is August's dog, who has been sick for awhile. Why hasn't August noticed this?

Part Seven- Miranda

Pages 235 to 248

23. Miranda and Via used to be good friends. Why did their relationship change? What does Miranda miss about having Via as a friend?
24. Miranda pretends to be sick on opening night. In your opinion why do you think she did that?

Part Eight- August

Pages 250 to 270

25. How does August feel about going on the 5th Grade Nature Retreat?
26. Jack and August find themselves in trouble. What is the trouble and who helps them?

Pages 271 to 309

27. August lies to the teachers about not being able to remember the 7th graders' faces. Why do you think he did this?

28. What animal does August use to represent himself? Do you think it is a good choice?

29. There is a ceremony at school, what happens at the ceremony that shows a change from the beginning to the end of the school year?

30. Mr. Tushman says "Always try to be a little kinder than necessary." What does that mean to you?

Part 2

Overview:

Once students have completed the questions for the novel, *Wonder* by RJ Palacio, they are to complete one of the attached projects. Students will be allowed to choose to complete **a reflection journal or collage**.

Projects are due on September 4, 2015. It will be counted as your first book report grade.

1. Reflection Journal

Journal writing encourages students to explore their thoughts and ideas. Journal writing for students engages them in the process of brainstorming and organizing their ideas. It teaches them to develop writing skills and become articulate, and it encourages them to share their ideas with teachers.

Students are expected to include the following:

Five diary entries written in first person point of view by one of the novels characters. Entries should be reflections about events and conflicts in the novel important to the main character. Entries should span the entire novel and be in a final edited format.

Expectations for Journal:

- Each entry should be a minimum of one page.
- All writing must be in first person point of view.
- Everything must be in a final edited format.

2. Collage

A photo collage is a collection of cut-up photos and images that are combined, layered and glued together on a piece of paper. A photo collage is piece of artwork that can be used to display information or preserve memories.

Students are expected to include the following:

Choose 8 -10 visuals that reflect an aspect of the story. These could be photos, illustrations, or sketches. Each visual should include a caption that explains its relevance to the novel/main character.

Expectations for Collage:

- Collage should to display on a 9 in x12 in poster board or construction paper
- Illustrations must be taped or glued.
- Captions should be clearly written and proofread