BRONX PREP
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Language Arts Summer Work   *Due: First Day of School*

Wonder
By R.J Palacio

Click the following link https://archive.org/details/Wonder_201810/mode/2up to access an online copy of the novel.

Overview:
1. Scholars are to read the entire novel, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.
2. Scholar are to complete the attached questions. They are to answer each question in **complete sentences and use details from the novel to support their answer.**

Comprehension Questions for *Wonder*

As you read the novel, please stop after each bolded section and answer the questions. All response should restate the question and be answered in full sentences.

Example:
Who <u>is</u> <u>the author</u> of *Wonder?*
Restated Response: <u>The author</u> of *Wonder* <u>is</u> R.J. Palacio

Part One- August

1. Why do people look quickly away when they first see August?

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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?

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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?

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 4. How would you describe the other students' reaction to August in homeroom?

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5. What does September's precept, "When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind," mean?

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6. Why does August uses a simile to compare himself and Summer to "Beauty and the Beast"?

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7. Why is Halloween a positive thing for August?

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8. What were Jack and Julian talking about?

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Part Two: Via

9. Do you think Via is jealous of all the attention August gets?

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10. Did Via have a good first day of high school?

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11. Who is Miranda and why did she call?

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12. August decided to change his costume. How do you think mom reacted to this?

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Part Three- Summer

13. Would you describe Summer as a good person? Why or why not?

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14.Do you think Summer thinks Jack is a good friend?

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Part Four: Jack

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?

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 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?

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17. Who does something to the class picture and what does character traits does it show about that person? 18.What is the war that is beginning? What role does Julian play in it?

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Part Five Justin

19. While at dinner Justin has a lot of tics. What are tics and why do they stop?

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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?

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Part Six August

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?

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22. Daisy is August's dog, who has been sick for a while. Why hasn't August noticed this?

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Part Seven Miranda

23.Miranda and Via used to be good friends. Why did their relationship change? What does Miranda miss about having Via as a friend?

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24.Miranda pretends to be sick on opening night. In your opinion why do you think she did that?

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Part Eight August

25.How does August feel about going on the 5th Grade Nature Retreat?

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26.Jack and August find themselves in trouble. What is the trouble and who helps them?

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

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

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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?

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Extended Response: After completing *Wonder* answer the following prompt. Your response must answer each component of the prompt. **Writers should use evidence from the text and personal experience to support their claim.** Your response should include the following structure:

> Introduction
> Body paragraph 1—Identify the theme of *Wonder*
> Body paragraph 2—Explain how we can apply this lesson to our own lives at Bronx Prep Middle School?
> Body paragraph 3—Identify a hypothetical example in which this theme could be applied within our school. Elaborate on what that application would look and sound like.
> Conclusion

Throughout her novel, *Wonder,* R.J Palacio tackles topics like bullying, family, kindness and acceptance. In doing so, she guided readers to her theme or lesson within the story. What was the theme of *Wonder?* How can we apply this lesson to our 2020-2021 School Year at Bronx Prep Middle School? What does that application look and sound like within a school?

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