

2024 Summer Reading Requirements

3rd Grade- "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio

Students entering the 3rd grade are required to read R.J. Palacio's book, *Wonder*, prior to the beginning of the first day of school. Students are also required to complete the attached packet of activities. These are due on the first day back to school.

Ordinary



1. How old is August?
 - a. Nine years old.
 - b. Ten years old.
 - c. Eleven years old.
 - d. Twelve years old.
2. Does August think he is ordinary or not ordinary? Explain.

Why I Didn't Go to School

3. Who is August's best friend?
 - a. Zachary.
 - b. Alex.
 - c. Christopher.
 - d. Via.
4. What do you know so far about August's mom?

5. Why has August only been homeschooled so far?

How I Came to Life

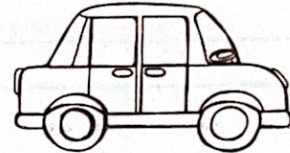
6. Describe the reactions of the doctor, the nurse, August's dad, and August's mom, when August was first born.
7. What stands out to you about August's mom's reaction? What does this tell you about her?

Christopher's House

8. How does August react when his mom speaks to him about going to school? Use textual evidence to support your answer.

Driving

9. Who is Mr. Tushman?
a. The principal.
b. August's parent's old teacher.
c. Via's teacher.
d. Christopher's dad.



10. What do you think the phrase, "a lamb to the slaughter" means? Why does August's dad say this phrase?

Paging Mr. Tushman

11. Choose one adjective to describe Mr. Tushman, based upon his first encounter with August. Use textual evidence to support your answer.

12. How do you think August feels when he learns that he is taking a tour of the school?

Nice Mrs. Garcia

13. What is August's first impression of Mrs. Garcia?

Name _____

Wonder Journal: *Part 1-August*

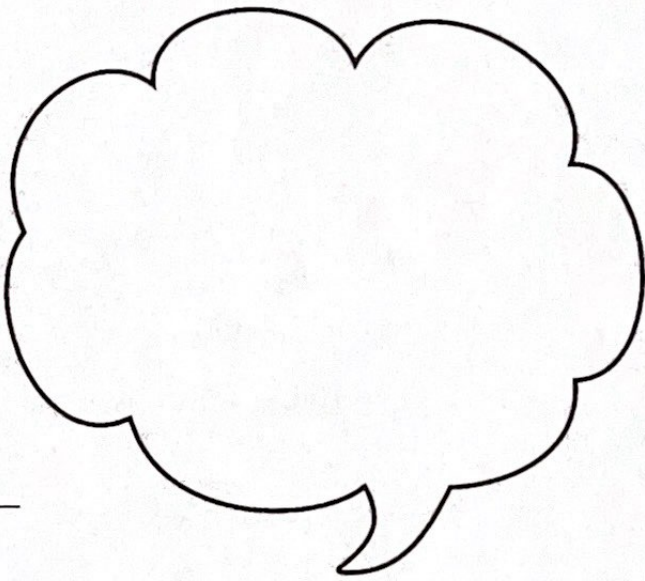
Before reading Part 1-August, choose one of the following topics and free-write your response to the topic's questions below.

1. **An Ordinary Kid**-What do you think it means to be an ordinary kid? Do you think you are ordinary? Why or why not?
2. **Parents**-Write about your relationship with your parents. Are you close or distant? Do you tell them everything or nothing? Do you spend time together? If so, what do you do together?
3. **A Memorable Teacher**-Write about a teacher that has had an impact on your life. Why and how did this teacher affect you?
4. **Being Kind**-What do you think it means to be kind? Give some practical examples. Do you think it is more important to be right, or to be kind?
5. **Friendship**-What does it mean to be a true friend? Do you have any true friends? Do you think that YOU are a true friend? Explain. Have you ever doubted whether or not someone was a true friend?

Name _____

CHARACTER *Snapshot*

Think about a character from the story. Write his or her name below. In the speech bubble, write a quote from the story that you think represents him or her. In the picture frame, draw a detailed picture of him or her. On the lines, write about his or her greatest struggle.



My character's name is

