Wonder by RJ Palacio.

Overview:

At the end of each of the 8 parts, complete 3 tasks. If you have extremely neat handwriting you may keep the questions, reflections, and precepts in a notebook. For most of you, I recommend starting a new google doc that you will print out and hand in at the end of the book. Either way, please neatly label each section.

Part One

Questions

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Reflection

Precept
1. Complete the attached comprehension questions. Answer each question in complete sentences, and use details from the novel to support your answer.

2. Write a reflection for each section, NOT a summary. The reflection can be a prediction, connection, inference, or observation. As always, use details from the novel to support your reflection. Each reflection should be a minimum of five sentences, but can certainly include more sentences and more than one paragraph. You may choose to write this reflection from your point of view or one of the character’s. Label the character if you choose to do it that way.

3. According to Mr. Brown, precepts are “words to live by.” At the end of each section, find a famous quote or write your own precept to fit the readings.

Comprehension Questions for Wonder

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

Part One- August

Pages 3 to 23

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

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?

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

Pages 42 to 60

5. What does September’s precept, “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?

8. What were Jack and Julian talking about?

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 does 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? In your opinion what character shows this the best?

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