

Summer Reading
Students Entering Grade 6
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
(Read this book first)

Directions: On a separate piece of paper write about the following topics.

Before You Read

1. Briefly describe "The Blitz" of World War II.

While You Are Reading

2. What are some individual character traits of each of the four children: Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy? How do they change over the course of the story?

3. Compare and contrast the characters of the Lion and the Witch (for example, what kinds of power they have, how they exercise power, how they treat others, what they want).

4. Why do you think Edmund lies about having been to Narnia? How does lying affect him?

After the Book

5. What do you think of the Professor's advice to the children at the end of the book? What message might the author be sending to the reader?

6. What do you think is the most courageous act shown in this book? Explain.

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Wonder by R.J. Palacio

*"They say I must be one of the wonders
Of God's own creation" Natalie Merchant*

Before You Read

1. Watch Youtube Video interview with author R. J. Palacio:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUJtGHhy41Q>

While You Read

***Wonder* has several themes. Choose one of the themes listed below and answer the questions for your chosen theme. This can be typed or handwritten. Each response should be 3 well developed paragraphs.**

2. Family Relationships - a. How does Via react to Auggie's deformity, and how is she affected? b. She says, "I'm always going to be the sister of a kid with a birth defect; that's not the issue. I just don't always want to be defined that way." (91) What does she mean by this statement?

3. Friendship - Discuss the characteristics of a good friend. a. Which of Auggie's friends demonstrates these qualities? b. What characteristics of a good friend does Auggie possess? c. How does Auggie's ability to be "comfortable in his own skin" make it easier for his friends and family to relate to him?

5. Bullying - Kids who are different are almost always bullied in some way. a. How does Auggie know the first time he meets Julian that he will be a bully? b. In what subtle ways does Julian bully Auggie? c. What purpose does Julian have in bullying Jack? d. What power does Julian have to force the other students to join in his cruelty toward Auggie and Jack? e. What is Auggie's response to the bullying?

Bring your copy of Wonder to class the first day of school. The class will complete "After Reading" activities in school.