

# Wonder

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Access the *Wonder* **Topic Page** through either *Gale In Context: Elementary* or *Gale In Context: Middle School*. Use the Topic Page before, during, and after reading the novel to help answer the questions below.

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### BEFORE READING:

1. Use *Gale In Context* to answer the following:

a. Who wrote *Wonder*? What was her pen name? What was her real name?

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b. When was it published?

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c. What other book did she write?

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d. Why did she write *Wonder*?

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2. What does the word “wonder” mean to you?

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3. Have you ever encountered someone who looks different or has a visible difference from you? What challenges do you think that person has in their life?

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4. Why is it important to be kind and empathetic towards others?

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## DURING READING:

As you read *Wonder*, take notes on the developments of the characters in the novel, how do you meet each character, how does your understanding of them change as they go through the book, why does it change. Make sure to be specific with examples (include page numbers).

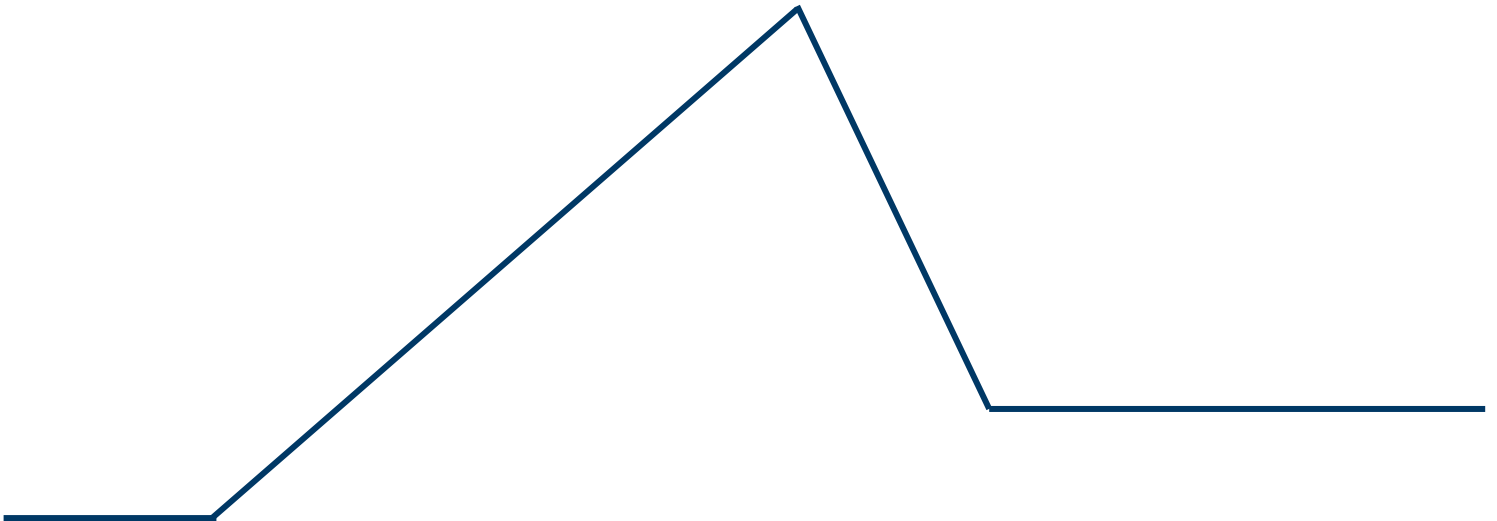
<b>CHARACTERS</b>	
<b>August "Auggie" Pullman</b>	
<b>Olivia "Via" Pullman</b>	
<b>Isabel Pullman</b>	
<b>Nate Pullman</b>	
<b>Jack Will</b>	
<b>Summer Dawson</b>	

## DURING READING:

The following are the themes depicted in *Wonder*. As you read, take notes (including page numbers) of how you see these themes portrayed in the book.

THEMES	
Empathy	
Friendship	
Acceptance	
Bullying	

Complete the plot diagram below, filling in events for each element of the story including the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.



## AFTER READING:

1. What challenges did Auggie face throughout the story, how did he overcome them?

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2. Was Jack's behavior wrong? Why or why not?

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3. How might some children relate to Auggie?

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4. Select **News** on the *Wonder* **Topic Page** and read the article, "Girl tells author of '*Wonder*' how book hit close and closer to home". How was the story in *Wonder* important to this girl and why?

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5. What lesson does Auggie's story teach? How might we use these lessons in our own life?

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