

Seventh Grade Language Arts: Summer Assignment

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“Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind.” - Henry James

Meet August Pullman. His family and friends call him Auggie. On the outside, Auggie may look a bit different from you and me. Yet on the inside, he likes to do the same things as all kids his age- eat ice cream, ride bikes, play ball- he even has an XBOX and loves *Star Wars*. Auggie is a self-described “medical wonder” that has lived his entire life around doctor’s visits, surgeries, and a fear of being made fun of because of how he looks. Up until now, Auggie has been educated at home by his mother. As a family, the Pullmans decide that Auggie is ready for public school for the first time ever...in fifth grade.

Follow Auggie on his journey into fifth grade, as he makes friends, enemies and a difference.

Your Task:

- 1) Read ***Wonder***. Even if you’ve already read it, it’s a good idea to give it another look!
- 2) As you read, use the form on the following page to collect **at least** six quotes that show the difficulties that can surround kindness. Sometimes it’s hard to be kind. Sometimes, being treated unkindly can make being kind difficult. Being unkind can leave a person feeling as bad, or worse, than the person who’s been treated unkindly. Kind isn’t always easy. Kindness is clearly a central theme in the book.
- 3) After reading the book, write a four paragraph thesis essay arguing that kindness is the most important theme in the book *Wonder*. Use at least three of your quotes from your quote form to support.
- 4) Your essay should be typed in 12 pt Times New Roman, double spaced, and turned in as a printed hard copy.

Name _____

The Difficulty of Kindness

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A theme is a concept or an idea that an author explores in a literary work. There are many themes in *Wonder*, but to keep things simple, we will focus on the challenges surrounding the concept of kindness.

As you read the book, collect at least six quotes that show the challenges of being kind or unkind.

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Wonder Kindness Essay Template

Introductory Paragraph

<p>a. Attention getter:an interesting sentence that grabs your readers' attention, while also letting them know your paper's main focus</p>	Attention getter _____ _____ _____.
<p>b. Background: In this case, your background is a a broad (not too detailed) overview of the book <i>Wonder</i>, written in a way that highlights the theme of kindness/unkindness.</p>	Background: _____ _____ _____ _____
<p>c. Thesis: Your argument - the whole point you're trying to make. In this case, your thesis will be something like: Clearly, the most important theme in the novel <i>Wonder</i> is the importance of kindness, and your two reasons why this is true.</p>	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
	Thesis: _____ _____

You will now write a paragraph for each of the two reasons (one reason per paragraph) you said your thesis is true. These are your body paragraphs

Body Paragraph 1

<p>a. Topic sentence</p> <p>b. Evidence that your topic sentence is correct.</p> <p>We use: facts, reasons, examples (quotes), and details explaining why your topic sentence is true.</p> <p><i>Use at least two quotes that you collected while you were reading the book.</i></p> <p>c. Transition to the next paragraph</p>	<p>Topic Sentence: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Facts, reasons, examples (quotes), and details about why your topic sentence (and thesis) is true _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Transition sentence _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Body paragraph 2

<p>a. Topic sentence</p>	<p>Topic Sentence: _____</p>
<p>b. Evidence that your topic sentence is correct.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>We use: facts, reasons, examples (quotes), and details explaining why your topic sentence is true.</p>	<p>Facts, reasons, examples (quotes), and details about why your topic sentence (and thesis) is true _____</p>
<p><i>Use at least two quotes that you collected while you were reading the book.</i></p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>c. Transition to the next paragraph</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
	<p>Transition sentence _____</p>
	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Conclusion

<p>a. Restate your thesis in a different way, making it super interesting!</p>	<p>Restate thesis _____ _____ _____</p>
<p>b. Wrap it up - mic drop - tell your reader how and why you are so completely right about what you've told them in your essay</p>	<p>Wrap it up _____ _____ _____ _____</p>

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