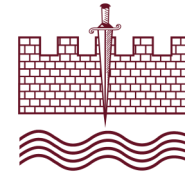


# Half term 1 & 2

## Wonder

# Key Stage 3: Year 7

## Knowledge Organiser



### ABOUT WONDER

R.J Palacio writes about a young boy starting a new school, but struggles to fit in due to a facial deformity. His classmates and family struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance.

### THEMES

Prejudice, Self-acceptance, Friendship, Bullying, Society, Values, Family, Fear, Courage and Tolerance.

### FURTHER READING

Auggie and Me, The Julian Chapter, Pony, White Bird: A Wonder Story

### CONTEXT

Palacio wrote Wonder after an incident where she and her three-year old son were waiting for ice cream. Her son noticed a girl with facial birth defects. Fearing he would react badly, Palacio attempted to move her son. This ended up making it worse. She wanted to write about this to try and teach society a valuable lesson.

### EXAM SKILLS:

- AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts using textual references. Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.
- AO2: Use PEEL to analyse how the writers use language and structure techniques to achieve effects and influence readers
- AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written
- AO5: Respond creatively, effectively and imaginatively. Adapt tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.

*"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind"*

### SUCCESS CRITERIA:

1. Identify techniques and analyse language, form and structure.
2. Understand and comment on the writer's intentions.
3. Understand and evaluate the reader's response.
4. Understand and evaluate the effects and significance of context (audience, social, historical, cultural).
6. Be able to explore a text independently and interpret and evaluate the ideas.
7. Use precise evidence to support ideas.
8. Analyse multiple meanings/interpretations where possible.
9. Use material to create own creative responses

### KEY CHARACTERS

August—The main character (Auggie)

Olivia—August's sister (Via)

Summer—August's first new friend

Isabel & Nate—August's parents

Jack Will—August's friend

Julian Albans—August's enemy

Justin—Via's boyfriend

Miranda—Via's best friend

### KEY TERMS

Cleft Palate—A split or indentation on the surface of the mouth

Forewarn—To notify in advance or beforehand

Precept—A rule of personal conduct

Alignment—Adjusting parts so they fit

Contagious—Capable of being transmitted by infection

Fifth Grade—Year 6

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