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Take-Home Study Guide

This study guide is meant to help you understand Wonder as you read it this summer. It will also prepare you for the essay you will write at the beginning of seventh grade. Make sure you fill out this guide as you read the book — and enjoy the story!

PART 1 - AUGUST

1. The story begins with August Pullman (“Auggie”) describing himself. In what ways is he “ordinary”? What makes him not feel “ordinary”? (pg. 3)

ORDINARY	NOT SO ORDINARY

2. Why didn't Auggie go to school before? (pg. 4)

3. On page 14, Auggie tells Via that Mr. Tushman is “the principal of my new school.” What do you think made him change his mind about starting school?

4. Auggie takes a tour of his new school, Beecher Prep. How can you tell that Auggie is uncomfortable in this new environment? (pgs. 24-30)

5. How does Auggie feel on his first day of school? (35-37)

- How did you feel on your first day of middle school?

6. Why do you think Julian asked the *Star Wars* questions he did? (44)

7. In English class, Auggie learns a new word. What is it and what does it mean? (45-46)

8. What does Mr. Browne say is “the most important thing of all”? (47)

- Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

9. What did Auggie change about himself after the first day of school? (57)

- Why do you think he did that?

10. How do the kids at school react to Auggie when they see him in the halls? (61-62)

- How do you think you’d react if Auggie came to our school?

11. Who does Auggie dress up as for Halloween? (pg. 74)

- Predict what you think will happen when Auggie gets to school.

12. What does Auggie overhear in homeroom? (pg. 76-77)

- How does this make you feel?

PART 2 - VIA

14. What does Via compare her family to? How has this affected her life? (pg. 82-83)

15. What did Via realize when she saw August after one of his major surgeries? (pg. 86)

16. What does Via find difficult about August's appearance? What's "the problem"? (90)

17. What has changed for Via from middle school to high school? (91-92)

18. How do Via and Auggie act after their first day of school? (95-96)

- Why do you think they're acting this way?

19. What happened between Olivia, Miranda, and Ella? (107)

20. How did Via convince Auggie to go back to school? (116)

PART 3 - SUMMER

21. What's "the plague"? (120)

22. How did Summer feel when Savanna invited her to her Halloween party? (121-123)

- How did she feel once she got there?

23. What do Auggie and Summer argue about at lunch? (125-6)

24. What did Summer tell Jack Will at the Egyptian event? (132) Why did she say that?

PART 4 - JACK

25. What did Jack think of showing “the new kid” around school? (135)

26. Jack’s old babysitter said, “Sometimes you don’t have to mean to hurt someone to hurt them.” (137) What did she mean by that?

27. Why did Jack change his mind about Mr. Tushman’s offer? (141)

28. What does Jack like and dislike about being ex-friends with August? (142-145)

WHY HE LIKES NOT BEING FRIENDS	WHY HE DISLIKES IT

29. What did Jack find out about his sled? (150)

- How do you think he felt?

30. What did Jack finally realize in the middle of science class? (151-152)

31. What did Jack do to Julian when Julian tried to be partners with him? (154)

32. What was different when Jack returned to school after Winter Break? (168-169)

33. What is “the war” that is beginning? What role does Julian play in it? (170-171)

PART 5 - JUSTIN

34. What was Justin's first impression of Auggie? (187-189)
35. While at dinner Justin has a lot of tics. What are tics and why do they stop? (190-192)
36. What happens when Justin walks Jack to the bus stop? How does Justin react? (197-199)
37. Justin and Olivia are in a play, but Olivia (Via) has not told her parents about it yet. (203)
Why do you think she hasn't told them?

PART 6 - AUGUST

38. What's the "Auggie doll"? (209-210) What does it show you about how kids treat Auggie now?
39. August gets hearing aids in this section. How do his feelings change about them? (211-215)
40. Daisy, August's dog, has been sick for a while. Why hasn't August noticed this? (220-224)
41. What surprise did Auggie's family get at Via's school play? (230)

PART 7 - MIRANDA

42. Miranda and Via used to be good friends. Why did their relationship change? (236-239)

43. What does Miranda miss about having Via as a friend? (241)

44. Miranda pretends to be sick on opening night. Why do you think she did that? (243-245)

PART 8 - AUGUST

45. How does August feel about going on the 5th grade field trip? (250-251)

46. How did August feel about his first day of the trip? (257-258)

47. Jack and August find themselves in trouble. What is the trouble and who helps them? (265-267)

48. August lies to the teachers about not being able to remember the 7th grade faces. (274) Why do you think he did this?

49. At the beginning of this part, August said he didn't want to be known for his *Star Wars* stuff. What is he known for now, after the field trip? (282)

50. Mr. Tushman says, “Always try to be a little kinder than is necessary.” (299) In your opinion, which character shows this the best? Explain why.