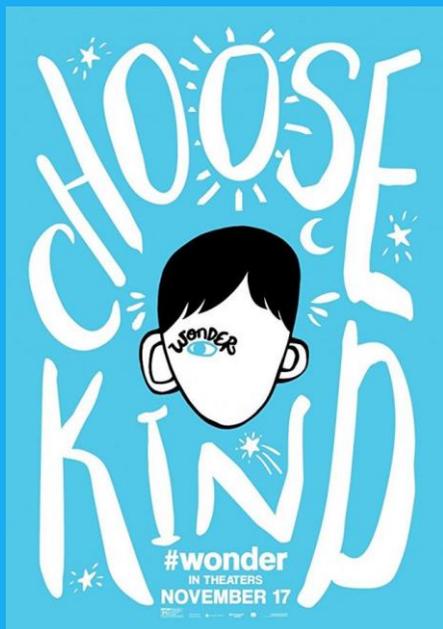


## Year 7- Module 1&2

*Wonder*  
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### Character List (In order of Appearance):

**August (Auggie) Pullman:** The protagonist of the novel. Has **Mandibulofacial Dysostosis**. Brother to Via.

**Via Pullman:** August's older sister. Is also a narrator.

**Mom:** Isabel Pullman. Children's book illustrator and home-school tutor for August. She wants August to go to mainstream school.

**Dad:** Nate Pullman. Met August's mother when they were at university. More easy going than August's mom.

**Daisy:** The Pullman's dog who loves Auggie unconditionally

**Mr Tushman:** The Principal at Beecher Prep

**Jack Will:** August's best friend from Beecher Prep.

**Julian Albans:** Is the **antagonist** and bullie's August.

**Miranda:** Was one of Via's longtime friends before high school and they grow apart. Is also a narrator.

### Summary (Narratives):

*Wonder is written from the perspective of many characters within the story*

#### **August (Chapter 1-31):**

The **protagonist**, August, begins by explaining that he knows he is not an ordinary ten year old boy because he was born with a facial deformity called **Mandibulofacial Dysostosis**. August's parents have homeschooled him until now, but decide that it will be best for him to attend a regular school.

#### **Via (Chapter 32-47):**

The section switches to Via's narrative in which she explains that she is used to the world revolving around August. She gives the reader a detailed description of August's face and laments on the time she spent with her Grans. Via realises she has a "new identity" as she starts at a new High School.

**Summer (Chapter 48-53):** The narrative switches to Summer, August's new friend from Beecher Prep. August is invited to Summer's house they bond over the fact that she is different from others in her class. They spend a lot of time together over the summer.

#### **Jack Will (Chapter 54-73):**

Jack begins by reminiscing about the day his mom received the phone call from Mr Tushman. He initially doesn't want to show Auggie around because he has seen him before and knows what his face looks like. His mom continues to encourage

### Settings (importance):

**America/Upper Manhattan:** across the bridge from New York City.

**The Pullman's House:** A safe place for August.

**Auggie's Room:** Safe space for Auggie - full of Star War paraphernalia

**Beecher Prep School:** August's new school. It is a private school.

**Mr Tushman's Office:**

**Homeroom:** Supposed to be a safe place for August. Similar to our form time.

**Faulkner High School:** Via's school.

**Jack Will's House:**

**Nature Camp:** Where

**Justin:** Via's boyfriend who is very artsy. Is also a narrator.

**Summer:** One of August's best friends who sits with him on the first day of school. Is also a narrator.

**Julian's Mom:** It is believed that Julien is the way he is because of his parents; especially his mom who is very rude about August.

**Grans:** Mom's mom and is Via and August's grandmother. She is from Brazil and was very close to Via and August before she died.

**Charlotte:** Showed August around the school. She is very smart.

**Ella:** Was friends with Via before high school.

**Mrs. Garcia:** Is Mr Tushman's assistant.

**Elenor:** Is a smart kid who Via becomes friends with.

**Amos:** Bullies August at the start and eventually stands up for August.

**Ms Petosa:** August's homeroom teacher who left her job on Wall Street to teach.

**Mr Browne:** August's English teacher who has a new **precept** every month.

Jack to be fair and Jack decides to help out. He and August become best friends; he actually finds August funny.

**Justin (Chapter 74-81):** Justin's section is written as Justin would write / speak himself. Justin visits Via at her home and meets August for the first time. Justin spends a lot of time with the Pullmans and enjoys being with the family as they are very different to his own.

**August (Chapter 82-92):** August and Jack pair up for a science fair project. The war between Julien's group and Jack and August continues. Via is in her school play.

**Miranda (Chapter 93-98):** Miranda recollects events that happened the summer before high school. She also talks about her relationship with Via and why it has changed.

**August (Chapter 99-123):** August and his classmates prepare for their summer camp. August is nervous but also excited. Mr Tushman praises August for how well he coped this year. The students graduate.

August's class goes for an end of year trip.

	<p><b>Henry:</b> Is one of Julien's 'side-kicks' who later helps August.</p> <p><b>Miles:</b> Is one of Julien's 'side-kicks' who later helps August.</p> <p><b>Eddie:</b> One of the 7th grade bullies from the camping trip.</p> <p><b>Jack's Mom:</b> She is a social worker. Her and Jack's dad do everything they can to keep their boys in Beecher Prep.</p>		
Themes:	Key Vocabulary/Spelling:	Context:	Subject Terminology:
<p><b>Relationships:</b></p> <p><b>Isolation:</b></p> <p><b>Identity:</b></p> <p><b>Kindness/Tolerance:</b></p> <p><b>Courage:</b></p> <p><b>Bullying:</b></p> <p><b>Growing Up:</b></p>	<p><b>Mandibulofacial Dysostosis:</b> A genetic disorder that causes abnormalities of the head and face</p> <p><b>Ordinary:</b> The expected or commonplace condition of a situation.</p> <p><b>Extra ordinary:</b> Highly unusual, exceptional or remarkable</p> <p><b>Contagious:</b> Capable of being transmitted by infection</p> <p><b>Genetic:</b> occurring among members in a family - usually hereditary</p> <p><b>Quip:</b> witty remark</p> <p><b>Precept:</b> A rule of personal conduct</p> <p><b>Euphoric:</b> characterised by a feeling of well-being or happiness</p>	<p>→ Written in 2012</p> <p>→ Influenced by a real life encounter when Palacio's three year old son cried when he sat next to a little girl with a facial deformity. She grabbed her kids and fled. Her guilt about the situation caused her to start writing the book that night.</p> <p>→ 21st Century Medical procedures. The novel opens up the debate of medical V cosmetic procedures.</p> <p>→ American Medical System. There is no public health system in the USA. Medical care is paid for by the individual.</p> <p>→ Education System: August has been home-schooled up to age 10 when his parents decide to send him to Middle School.</p> <p>→</p>	<p><b>Genre</b> - the category that the text belongs to.</p> <p><b>Fiction</b> - untrue story</p> <p><b>Metaphor</b> - when you directly compare one thing to another.</p> <p><b>Smilie</b> - When you compare one thing to another (using as / like)</p> <p><b>Alliteration</b> - when two or more words in a sentence begin with the same letter or sound.</p> <p><b>Narrative structure</b> -</p>

**Friendship:** The emotions or conduct of friends

**Ruminate:** To reflect deeply on something

**Plague:** An epidemic disease that causes high death rates

**Sympathetic:** feeling, showing or expressing understanding of someone else's suffering

**Empathy:** The ability to understand and feel what others are feeling

**Anomaly:** something that is different from what should be normal

**Hypocrite:** Someone who says one thing but does another

the framework in which the story is told.

**Omniscient Narrator**  
- point of view where the narrator knows all the thoughts, actions, and feelings of all characters.

**Antagonist** - a person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something.

**Protagonist** - the leading character in a play, novel or film.