

Wonder Book Study (Author: R. J. Palacio)

Acknowledgment – Although **Wonder** was the whole-school-read in Fall 2018 we are taking the opportunity to revisit the book.

Read Wonder

Reflection Assignment – Write a one paragraph response to **two** of the following questions. (You can write more than one paragraph.)

1. What are some of Auggie’s challenges attending Beecher Prep School?
2. How did Auggie display courage in the book? Find one example and write about it.
3. What are some challenges people are experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Kindness Project -- Write a one paragraph response to **two** of the following questions. (You can write more than one paragraph.)

Empathy is defined as “the ability to understand and share the feelings of another”. **(See attached examples of empathy.)**

Students with access to the Internet can view these videos explaining empathy.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_1Rt1R4xbM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFqIZP4Yb64>

1. Describe an example of empathy in **Wonder**.
2. Describe an example of bullying in **Wonder**.
3. Describe an example of empathy that you have experienced and/or seen broadcast during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Auggie’s Teacher, Mr. Browne, had a precept for every month. According to Mr. Browne, a precept “is anything that helps guide us when making decisions about really important things”.

Precept 1 – *“When given the choice between being right and being kind – choose kind.”*

Precept 2 – *“Your deeds are your monuments.”* (The character Summer said this precept means “the things we do are the things that matter most.”)

4. Choose **one** activity to complete.

Option 1 – Summer and Jack are Auggie’s friends. Your assignment is to create a product from Summer or Jack to encourage Auggie as he faces challenges during the school year. Your product can be a poster, letter, card, poem, song, drawing, cartoon, or painting. It will be turned in electronically. If you choose an art option, you will have to take a photo of your work to turn in electronically.

Option 2 -- Identify a job where someone is facing a challenge during the COVID-19 pandemic. The person with this job is someone you would want to encourage and maybe also express gratitude for the work they are doing. (For example, a nurse or a grocery store employee)

If there is an individual you would want to encourage or cheer on (or express gratitude) you may choose that person.

Your assignment is to create a product to encourage and/or express gratitude. **Write a paragraph about the purpose of your product.** For example, if you write a poem to thank health care workers you can talk about how many of them do not get to be with their families at this time.

Your product can be a letter, card, poem, song, drawing, cartoon, or painting. It will be turned in electronically. If you choose an art option, you will have to take a photo of your work to turn in electronically.

Students in grades 7-9th will email your written responses and Kindness product to Ms. Brenda Hawkins at bghawkins@ccps.net. Students in grades 10-12th will email your written responses and Kindness product to Mrs. Lisa Brown at lcbrown@ccps.net. Students that cannot turn in their work electronically will be able to turn in assignments. The school will announce a date to turn in completed work.