



wonder

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A Novel Unit

Study Guide

“When given the choice between being right or kind, choose kind.”



Day 1

For Teachers Only

- Show video from rjpalacio.com
- Discuss the book and August
- Show the Choose Kind song at choosekind.tumblr.com
- Have students take the pledge to "Choose Kind"
- Print a poster of the "Choose Kind Certificate". Have the students sign it and hang in the room for daily referral.
- Model how to map out a plan for reading a book and meeting a deadline.
- Take the 310 pages and divide by 20 days = 15.5 pages per day.
- Next, have students complete the Establish a Purpose on the Day 2 Response Sheet.



Day 2: Pages 3-16



Cleft Palate



Doogie Howser



Dragon Rider Book



Montauk, New York



Addidis Shoes



Day 2: Pages 3-16

- Establish a Purpose
 - I will read about 16 pages a day for 20 days.
 - I will finish my book and bookmark by _____.
 - My purpose for reading this text is to understand what it is like to be different and to learn how to be kind to others no matter their differences.

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
petrified			4
cleft palate			6
anomalies			6
flounder			11
hindsight			11
elective			16
establish		To bring into existence; <i>Example: To tell why you are reading a book</i>	
inference		A conclusion or opinion that is formed because of known facts or evidence, <i>A guess based on context clues.</i>	



Day 2: Continued

Figurative Language

On page 10 the author uses a form of figurative language to explain what it will be like sending Auggie to school for the first time.

On page 11 the author uses the phrase, "Her smile kind of hugged me." What type of figurative language does the author use in this sentence?

Figurative Language	Sentence	Author's Meaning
Idiom	It's like sending a lamb to the slaughter.	Sending Auggie to middle school will destroy him. The kids will make fun of him and bully him.
	Her smile kind of hugged me.	

Respond: The day Auggie was born had to be difficult for Nate and Isabel Pullman. How did the author create a sense of humor for the reader?



Day 3: Pages 17-32



Rubik's Cube



Floating Globe



Mr. T



Bright Green Crocs



Day 3: Pages 17-32

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
diva			27
obnoxious			28
schlep			32

Figurative Language:

On page 20 the author uses two different types of figurative language to describe how Auggie felt about hearing the kids' voices outside of Mr. Tushman's office. Complete the chart below.

Figurative Language	Sentence	Author's Meaning



Day 4: Pages 33-48



Miss Fowl from Jimmy Neutron



Mon Mothma from Star Wars IV



Padawan, a Star Wars Jedi Apprentice



Jango Fett



Darth Sidious Before Burned



Darth Sidious Burned



Sith Lightning



Day 4: Pages 33-48

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
tunic			40
apprentice			43
shriveled			44

Figurative Language

In the first paragraph on page 35 Auggie describes how he feels about the first day of school. What type of figurative language did the author use to show Auggie's true emotions?

Figurative Language	Sentence	Author's Meaning

Writing: How do you feel about Mr. Browne's Precept? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

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

Write about how you feel on this subject. Make sure someone edits your paper for proper capitalization, punctuation, grammar and spelling.

Your paper is due _____.



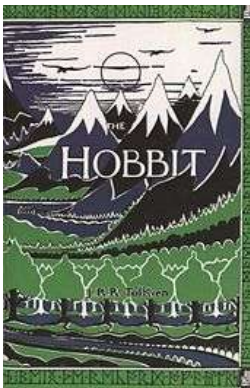
Day 5: Pages 49-64



Chewbacca from Star Wars is a *Wookiee*.



Jaws Wired Shut



The Novel, The Hobbit



Day 5: Pages 49-64

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
alignment			50
prehistoric			50
dachshund			57
notion			61

Figurative Language

How does the author describe Summer's eyes on page 53?

Figurative Language	Sentence	Author's Meaning

Bubble Map

On page 60 the author describes Auggie's face. Create a Bubble Map using the words the author wrote to describe Auggie's face.



Day 6: Pages 65-80



Obi-Wan Kenobi



Clone Trooper



Darth Vader



Bobo Fett



Jango Fett



Orc



Bleeding Scream



Day 6: Pages 65-80

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
deeds			65
monuments			65
mortality			65
aversion			70
mutant			79

Figurative Language: What does the author say about Julian and his mother being similar on page 67?

Figurative Language	Sentence	Author's Meaning

Sensory Imagery: Sometimes authors use the five senses to catch the reader's attention. Which of the five senses did the author use to describe how Auggie's face felt on page 77?

Sense	Sentence	Author's Meaning
	My face felt like it was on fire.	



Day 7: Pages 82-96



ET



Drew Barrymore with ET wearing a Hannah Montana Wig



Space Oddity by David Bowie



Day 7: pages 82-96

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
celestial			82
cosmos			83
fashionista			84
splay			88
whims			90
instinctively			95

Figurative Language: How did the author describe how Daisy sees the faces of everyone in her family on page 82? How did Via describe her grandmother's secret on page 87?

Figurative Language	Sentence	Author's Meaning



Day 8: Pages 97-110

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
meticulously			97
illuminating			99
decisively			101
stoop			102
babushkas			103
conclusion		a reasoned judgment, <i>an inference</i>	
synthesize		to combine parts to make a whole, <i>combining parts from a book and what I know to make an inference</i>	

Synthesize: What conclusion, or inference, can you draw about Via's thoughts after you read the last sentence on page 104?

A conclusion I drew from this text is



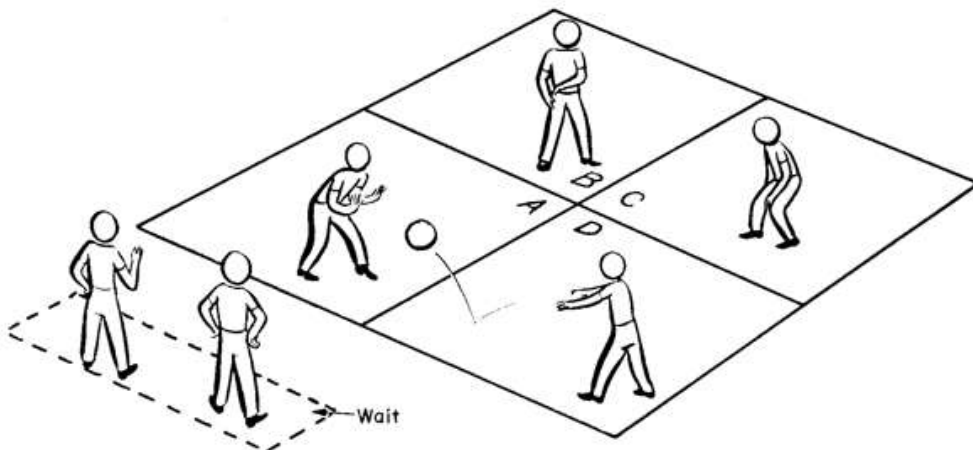
Day 9: Pages 111-126



Step Pyramid of Sakkara



Anubis, god of afterlife



4 Square Game



Day 9: Pages 111-126

Vocabulary: On-going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
accompany			111
plague			120
jackal			125

Make Connections:

Text to Self	Text to Text	Text to World

Writing: Respond to one of your connections by using the sentence stem below.

When I read the part about _____

it reminded me of _____

because _____.



Day 10: Pages 127-143

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
phony			139
sympathetic			140

Figurative Language: On page 141 Jack's mom said, "I knew you would rise to the occasion, kiddo." What form of figurative language is, *rise to the occasion*, and what does the author mean by it?

Figurative Language	Sentence	Author's Meaning
	I knew you would rise to the occasion, kiddo.	

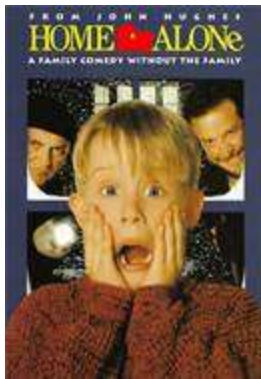
Ask Questions: Good readers ask questions while they read to enhance their comprehension. Write the questions you had while reading today below.



Day 11: Pages 144-159



Dungeons and Dragons



The Movie, Home Alone



Melting Ghost Face

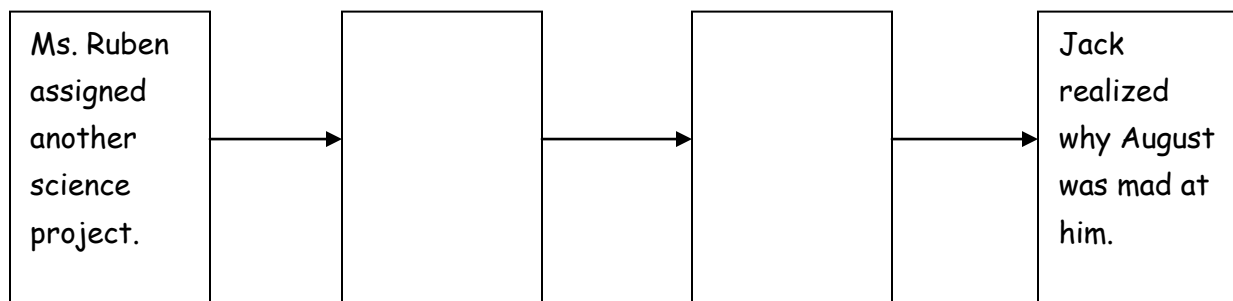


Day 11: Pages 144-159

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
ghoul			152
expulsion			156

Flow Map- Sequencing: Paragraph 5, Pages 151-152 What caused Jack to realize why August was mad at him? Complete the flow map below.



Writing: How do you feel about Jack punching Julian in the face? Answer these questions in your paper. Should Jack have punched Julian? Did Julian deserve to be punched? Should Jack have been expelled from school, since that was the school policy, instead of suspended for two days? Write about how you feel on this subject. Make sure someone edits your paper for proper capitalization, punctuation, grammar and spelling.



Day 12: Pages 160-176

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
inkling			161
prejudicial			163
empathy			163
resolute			164
hypocrite			175
Protagonist		a leading actor, character or participant in a literary work (fiction story) or real event	
Antagonist		one that contends or opposes another	
Minor Character		Inferior in importance, size or degree, comparatively unimportant	

Create a Character Tree Map

Wonder

Protagonist

Antagonist

Minor



Day 13: Pages 177-195



iMac



Baroque Violin



Hardanger Fiddle



Day 13: Pages 177-195

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
geneticist			190
manic			193
cyan			194
spry			194
Dutifully			195

Respond: Justin's viewpoint is written differently than all the other characters' viewpoints. How is it different?

Was it hard for you to read? Explain your answer.

Why do you think the author wrote his point of view this way? Explain your answer.



Day 14: Pages 196-210

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
gravelly			196
unison			199
monologues			200

Figurative Language

On page 199 the author uses the phrase, "laughs dying on their lips".

On page 202 the author uses the phrase, "tears start rolling a mile a minute".

Identify the figurative language and explain the author's meaning?

Figurative Language	Sentence	Author's Meaning
	...laughs dying on their lips when they see me...	
	...but all of the sudden the tears start rolling a mile a minute.	



Day 15: Pages 211-227



Lobot



Jar Jar



Day 15: Pages 211-227

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
taciturn			216
mass			224

Monitoring My Comprehension

Problems I Had While Reading	Fix-Up Strategies I Used



Day 16: Pages 228-245

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
understudy			229
ovation			231
et cetera			237

Respond: Drawing Conclusions

Why did Miranda pretend she wasn't feeling well?

Writing Prompt: Due on _____

Write a personal narrative story about a time you received a standing ovation. If you have never received one, then write a realistic fiction story. We will try to determine which stories really happened and which ones are fictional. Have someone check your paper for spelling, grammar, capitalization and punctuation. Make your paper eye-catching, it will go in the hallway! ☺



Day 17: Pages 246-262



Trach Tube



Pac Man Video Game



Missile Command Video Game



Close Encounters Movie



Sound of Music Movie



Day 17: Pages 246-262

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
mayhem			246
euphoric			246
incantation			255
dome			259

Sensory Imagery

How does the author describe the night sky at camp and at Montauk?

Sense	Sentence	Author's Meaning

Respond: Making Inferences

I think Miranda being happier than she's been in a very long time means

because _____



Day 18: Pages 263-280



Lord of the Rings Movie/Novel



Gollum from Lord of the Rings



**Freddie Kruger from
Nightmare on Elm Street**



Day 18: Pages 263-280

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
imbeciles			277
<i>cretinos</i>			277
froth			278

Sensory Imagery: On page 271, how does the author describe the forest at camp?

Sense	Sentence	Author's Meaning

Monitoring Comprehension

Problems I Had While Reading	Fix-Up Strategies I Used



Day 19: Pages 281-297

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
monumental			282
seismic			282
cosmic			282
attribution			288
clumsily			291

Respond:

Making Predictions: Do you think Auggie will get an award? What kind of award do you think he will receive? Explain your prediction.



Day 20: Pages 298-313



Luke Skywalker



(Courtesy Twentieth Century Fox)
Han Solo



Chewbacca



Death Star



Day 20: Pages 298-313

Vocabulary: On-Going Dictionary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
podium			298
quantifiable			300
keenness			300
impart			301
verbosity			301
ruminating			303

Writing Prompt: Due _____

Write your own precept! A precept is a motto, words to live by. What do you want your legacy to be when you graduate from our school. What do you want to be remembered for? Write a rough draft below and have your teacher edit and revise it. Then use the paper given to you by your teacher to write a final copy. We will hang the precepts on our bulletin boards for everyone to be encouraged.



Day 21: Main Idea Tree Map and Summary

Word	Inference	Definition	Page #
plot		the plan or main story as of a movie or literary work	
conflict		the opposition of persons or forces that gives rise to the dramatic action in a drama or fiction; <i>the problem in fiction literary</i>	
resolution		The act or process of resolving; <i>the solution to a problem in fiction literary</i>	
theme		a subject or topic in thought; <i>What lesson was the author trying to teach the reader?</i>	
moral		of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior	

Summarizing: Create a Main Idea Tree Map then use the information in the map to write a summary of Wonder.

Wonder

Characters

Setting

Conflict

Resolution

Theme

Protagonist

Antagonist