Explore the World of Wonder

Task 1: Get to Know R.J. Palacio

Step 1: After watching the video, circle one to complete the sentence: The title *Wonder* came to R.J. Palacio from...

- A real-life experience
- A song
- Another book

Step 2: After reading the article, find three interesting facts that you learned and list them in *complete* sentences below.

Fact 1: ____________________________________________________________

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Fact 2: ____________________________________________________________

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Fact 3: ____________________________________________________________

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**Step 3:** In Palacio’s response to the Thank You note on her blog, she says, “My hope is that [Wonder] helps children who look like your son, too, to have a better understanding and more empathy for children like your son.”

Do you think *Wonder* will help children be better understanding and empathetic like R.J. Palacio hopes? Why or why not?

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**Task 2: Learn About Facial Differences**

**Step 1:** Why does R.J. Palacio call Nathanial Newman her “real-life Auggie”?

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**Step 2:** After watching the video, write the message, or lesson, it shares with viewers.

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**Step 3:** List the two syndromes you chose to research on the Children’s Craniofacial Association’s website along with one fact about each.

*Name of syndrome:* ________________________________

*Fact:* __________________________________________

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*Name of syndrome:* ________________________________

*Fact:* __________________________________________

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**Task 3: Themes in Wonder**

**Step 1:** After reading through the text in the interactive image, write the three main themes found in the novel (These are the three themes that are described when clicking on the heads of the characters.)

*Main Theme 1:* ________________________________

*Main Theme 2:* ________________________________

*Main Theme 3:* ________________________________

*Circle the theme that spoke to you the most.*
Step 2: Which quote did you vote as your favorite? Record it below.

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Task 4: Create a Public Service Announcement

A PSA is a message shared with the public with the purpose to raise awareness and/or change the public attitudes and behaviors toward an issue.

Step 1: After watching each PSA example, respond to the questions: What message does the PSA send to the viewer—What do they want you to know or do?

Message in PSA Example 1: ________________________________

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Message in PSA Example 2: ________________________________

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Message in PSA Example 3: ____________________________________________________

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Great job! You’re ready to create your own PSA.

YOUR PSA

Consider the themes and lessons in Wonder. What message would you like to share with others? Write it below.

Your PSA Message: _______________________________________________________

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Now, consider how you will share your message. You want to create a PSA that will grab the attention of the audience. Remember in a PSA, your message should be clear. You can share your message in a variety of ways. Look over the list below.

How will you share your message? Choose one and circle it.

1. Create a skit (similar to PSA Example 2)

2. Share a small moment story that will engage the audience

3. Use a news story format focusing on facts and information
Considering your message, what action would you like your audience to take? Do you want them to change their attitude about something? Do you want to urge them to take a pledge? Do you want them to behave differently? *Think about how you want your audience to change or what you want them to do. Write it below.*

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At the end of your PSA, you want to share the message above. This is called a **call to action**. A call to action prompts viewers to act, to do something to change their behavior or attitude. A call to action could also ask viewers to do something to raise awareness for the issue described.

Now that you’ve focused on a single message, decided how you will share your message in your PSA, and identified a call-to-action, you’re ready to write your PSA. Be sure to stick to the format you chose (skit, small story, or news format). *Turn it in when you are done writing and proofreading it.*