Wonder by R. J Palacio

**Ordinary**

1. If you found a magic lamp, and you could wish one wish, what would you wish for?
2. When have you done that ‘look-away’ thing?

**Why I didn’t go to School**

1. If you were ‘home schooled’ what would your day look like? On a blank timetable, write what you would study and when you would study it, if you could write your own timetable.

**How I came to Life**

1. R. J. Palacio has a way of making the reader focus on things other than the fact that Auggie is terribly deformed. In this scene she uses the ‘farting nurse’ as something that the reader will instead focus on. Where is this especially noticeable for you in this passage?

**Driving**

1. ‘So sending him off to middle school like a lamb to the slaughter……’ Dad answered angrily, but he didn’t even finish his sentence because he saw me in the mirror looking up. Pg 10,
   - What does Dad mean, ‘a lamb to the slaughter?’ and
   - What literary device is Palacio using here? Pg 11.

2. ‘Mom smiled at me. Her smile kind of hugged me. ‘I told him about all your surgeries, and how brave you are,’ she said.
• What does Auggie mean when Mom’s smile ‘hugged him’ and
• What literary device is Palacio using here?

3. ‘I know, well, that was a white lie, ‘ she answered. ‘It was a test you
needed to take to get into the school. You did very well on it by the way.’
Pg. 12

• What is a ‘white lie’ is there a difference between a white lie and a lie? Is
there a time when a white lie can be justified? Explain!

The Performance Space

1. ‘What’s the deal with your face? I mean, were you in a fire or something? ‘
PG 29.

• Was Julian being rude by asking this question?

2. How does Jack reassure Auggie that Julian really was ‘just a jerk’?
3. How does Auggie get ‘one up on’ Julian at the conclusion to this passage?
Pg 30.

First-Day Jitters

I am sure that many of us can remember our first day of school. If you can’t
remember your first day of primary school (prep) then at least your first day of
year 7 will be fresh in your memory.

Thinking about your first day of school.....

• What were you excited about doing?
• What scared you?

It’s interesting to read Auggie’s feelings about his parents and how he knew that
his Mom was ‘about to cry’.

• What advice did your Mum or Dad offer you about surviving your first day
at school?
• Oh, and did your parents take a photo of you in your school uniform?
  C’mon, they did, didn’t they?