

## **One Book, One Community Discussion Questions**

### ***We're All Wonders (Pre-K - 2nd Grade)***

1. In what ways is Auggie an ordinary kid? How is he extraordinary?
2. Auggie likes to do a lot of ordinary things. What do you like to do for fun? Do you like some of the same things as Auggie?
3. How are Auggie's classmates different? What might they have in common?
4. Look at the illustrations of the children. What do their faces look like when they see Auggie?
5. Which picture shows how Auggie feels when people are mean to him?
6. How does Auggie show kindness to other people?
7. At the end of the book, what do the other children say or do that shows kindness? What can you do to show people kindness?
8. What makes you a wonder?

### ***Wonder (3rd - 5th Grade)***

1. There are a lot of funny scenes in this book. Auggie has a lot of fun with his family and with his friends. Which funny part was your favorite?
2. There are other scenes in this book that are very sad. Which part of the book made you the most sad?
3. Auggie notices people's reactions when they see him for the first time, and this embarrasses him. Can you think of a time when you felt embarrassed? How do you wish people had reacted instead?
4. When Auggie walks into the lunchroom for the first time, how do you think he feels? Have you ever walked into a new place for the first time? How did you feel?
5. When Auggie changes his Halloween costume at the last minute, he overhears Jack talking about him. Think about what friendship really means. What does it mean to be a true friend? How can you be a true friend to others?
6. Some of the students, like Julian, are pretty mean to Auggie. If you see someone acting that way, what should you do?
7. Which of the precepts did you like the best? Why?
8. What was the most important thing you learned from this book?

### ***Wonder (6th - 8th Grade)***

1. By now, the cover for this book is quite famous. If you had to choose a new design for the cover, what would you choose? Why?

2. The author doesn't describe Auggie's face at the very beginning of the book. Why do you think the author may have chosen to describe his face later?
3. When Auggie is given a tour of the school, this is our first glimpse of the other students in the school. Do you think the students are similar to the types of students you've noticed at school? Which student do you feel you are most like?
4. Some of the students, like Julian, are quite mean to Auggie. What can you do if you see a situation like this?
5. When Jack finally realizes that Auggie heard him talking about him behind his back, he feels really bad. Why do you think Jack acted like that?
6. How does Auggie change throughout the book? How have you changed recently? Can you find any similarities between yourself and Auggie?
7. Auggie was very attached to his astronaut's helmet. Why? Have you ever had a personal possession that meant a lot to you?
8. Popularity comes up a lot in this novel. How does Via change because of the pressure to be popular? What does it mean to be popular? What *should* it mean to be popular?
9. What is something you could do in your school or your community to spread kindness?

### ***Wonder* (9th - 12th Grade)**

1. While you likely read *Wonder* in middle school, it holds life lessons that are useful for people of all ages. Which precept (one of the rules to live by) is most relevant to you in high school?
2. Now that you are in high school, reflect back on middle school. If you could change any particular event in middle school, what would it be? Why?
3. Bullying is considered a major problem in schools across the country. What do you think can be done about it, especially in elementary and middle schools?
4. In several parts of the book, we see Via struggle with being a good big sister. She sometimes is even embarrassed of Auggie. Do you have anyone who looks up to you? What can you do to make sure you are a good role model?
5. In *Wonder*, Via receives a standing ovation for her performance in *Our Town*, her school's play. As Auggie watches, he thinks, "there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives." What do you want your standing ovation to be? What do you want to be known for?
6. What is something you could do in your school or community to spread kindness?

### ***Wonder* (Adults)**

1. Auggie's parents have a difficult decision to make about whether or not to send him to school. Do you agree or disagree with the mother's decision to research the school and schedule a tour before talking to Auggie?

2. How is parenting, in general, represented in the book? In particular, consider the contrast between Auggie's parents and Julian's parents.
3. Bullying is a major problem in schools across the country. What do you think can be done about it?
4. Why do you believe bullying is so prevalent in middle schools? What was your middle school experience like? How can adults help children navigate the middle school environment?
5. This novel deals with the concepts of acceptance, understanding, and kindness. Are these attributes that can be taught? If so, how can we teach our children to exhibit these attributes?
6. While this novel focuses on one child's experience in middle school, there are adults who face discrimination and/or bullying in the workplace as well. How can acceptance, understanding, and kindness be promoted in the business world?
7. What is something you could do in your community to spread kindness?