Wonder: Activity Plan 8

Reading Skill:

2f. Identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.

2h. Make comparisons within the text.

I can compare different episodes and characters, making links between content and themes in the book.

Vocabulary and Key Phrases:

Psyched, pharaohs, artefact, diorama, orc, KidzBop, Uglydolls, flunked, Lobot, white noise, FBI, bionic, stoop, downtown, fix, understudy, latitude, longitude, ovation, et cetera, snuck, badmouth, prude, Xerox, collegiate.

Prior Learning: Children will have read p. 153-204.

Reading Task: p. 205-248

Reading Questions

Reading Questions and Answers p. 205-227

- p. 207 Mom says, 'like seeks like'. Can you think of other examples in the book where this is so?
- p. 207-208 August uses two extended metaphors in this chapter. Can you explain them?
- p. 211 Why couldn't August wear a standard hearing aid? How does he feel about this?
- p. 216 Why are Mom and Via annoyed with one another?
- p. 219-220 Why doesn't anyone come into the room for ten minutes? What does August think Mom wants him for?
- p. 221-224 How does Mom know that Daisy is going to die?
- p. 222 Why does Via hug August so tightly?

Deeper Reading:

- p. 207 Why do you think the teachers aren't running the Science Fair like they did the Egyptian Museum? Give two reasons.
- p. 208–209 This chapter forms a turning point for Julian and August. Can you explain?
- p. 212-213 How does the doctor persuade August to wear the hearing aids?
- p. 216 What do you think Mom's reaction was to Via's, 'you've been really good at leaving me alone my whole life'?
- p. 219-220 The author often uses sharp contrasts in the book. Can you explain the effect of this sharp change of mood?
- p. 225 Mom, Dad and Via are grieving separately to August. August's not involved at all. Why do you think the author has done this?

Related Activities

Punctuation and Grammar: Children complete the Where's Your Reporting Clause, Auggie? Activity Sheet.

Challenge! Children find examples from other books where the author has used a lack of reporting clauses.

Vocabulary: Children work in a group to make a poster with words or phrases which describe or relate to sound.

Challenge! Children imagine a world without sound and pick their *top ten favourite sounds*, justifying why they're so important.

Comprehension: Children reread p. 228-248 and complete the Comprehension Activity Sheet.

Julian's Guide to Bullying: Children complete the Julian's Guide to Bullying Activity Sheet.

It Was OK in the End: Children write about a situation in their own lives where they've been worrying about something for a long time but when the situation has arisen, it's ended up being OK.

Challenge! Children imagine that they're a collector of negative thoughts and have been given the task of writing down as many as they can find.

Chekhov's Gun: Children watch the Chekhov's Gun PowerPoint and complete the Chekhov's Gun Activity Sheet.

