Character Sketch

Part A

In this activity, you will explore the character of one of August's family.

Reread p. 3-14. *Choose one of August's family and write a short character sketch of them* (that just means write about what they're like). Use these prompts to help you write your characters sketch. Don't forget to read the book to give you clues about the character.

What kind of person are they? Are they kind, funny, loving, scared, a worrier, frustrated?

How do they interact with the rest of the family? Do they look after others? Do they help to keep everyone in good spirits? Do they get annoyed with the rest of the family?

How do they react to and feel about August's situation (his face, his surgeries and the way others react)? Are they panicked by it? Do they look after August? Do they help him? Are they upset by August's situation? Do they try to protect him?

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Part B

In this activity you will explore the character of one of August's family by writing a character sketch for them. A character sketch means that you write about what that person is like. You could think about what kind of person they are, whether they are kind or funny or a worrier.

You could also think about how they interact with others in the family, and how they react to August's situation. For each point you make, you must add a reference to the text to justify your point. Here's an example (not of a family member):

The nurse in the delivery room is quite well-built, since it says in the text that she had big arms to keep Mom down on the bed. I think that she can get quite stressed because on page 7 it says that she was yelling at the doctor when he fainted, and that's not a very professional thing to do.

Challenge Task

Using your character sketch from Part B, write a short diary entry for your character following any of the events from p. 3-14. As you write, ensure the character traits you've identified in the character come out in their writing. In fact, annotate these parts of the text to show what each section of the writing reveals about the character.