

## Lower Level Level - February 2027

Week 3: Wonder Finish + Literary Analysis Essay | Vocabulary & Comprehension

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### SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

|                              |                                                                 |
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| <b>literary analysis</b>     | A close examination of a text's meaning, characters, and themes |
| <b>thesis</b>                | A specific, arguable claim about a text                         |
| <b>textual evidence</b>      | Direct quotes or paraphrased details from the text              |
| <b>analysis</b>              | Explaining HOW and WHY evidence supports a claim                |
| <b>character development</b> | How a character grows or changes                                |
| <b>theme statement</b>       | A complete statement of the novel's central message             |
| <b>transition</b>            | Words connecting ideas between and within paragraphs            |
| <b>counterclaim</b>          | An opposing viewpoint addressed in an argument                  |
| <b>embed</b>                 | To integrate a quote naturally into your own sentence           |
| <b>synthesis</b>             | Combining ideas to create a new understanding                   |

### SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the final scene (August at graduation) show his growth?

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2. What is R.J. Palacio's central theme? Write it as a complete thematic statement.

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3. How does the ending show that August has changed since chapter 1?

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4. Write a thesis for this prompt: "How does Wonder develop the theme of choosing kindness?"

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5. Which character's growth did you find most powerful, and why?

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