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***Wonder,* by R. J. Palacio**

**“Section Headings” Essay**

**Read and consider the quotations that R.J.Palacio chose to introduce each section of the book. They are printed for you on the back of this paper. You will be writing an essay in which you present and discuss why you think Palacio chose these quotations to go along with these specific moments in the text. You will also select a quotation from a song or book (with which you are already familiar) that you think illustrates this particular period in your life, and explain how it represents YOU right now.**

**Essay Format**

**Introductory Paragraph :**

Introduce to your reader R.J. Palacio’s unique text structure. She has the book divided into sections and uses literary quotations and song lyrics as section headings. .Next, explain how this structure affects the overall novel. For example: Do the quotations contribute to the overall message **(universal theme**) of the novel? Do they add to the **characterization** of the main characters they represent? Do they deepen the reader’s understanding of the **plot**? Can you think of other ways these quotations affect the novel?

**Middle Paragraphs (2-4):**

Choose **THREE** different quotations (from the 8 used in the novel) to discuss and analyze specifically. Each analysis should be a separate paragraph and explain specifically why you think Palacio chose that quote for that particular section of the text. How is it representative of the particular character or the plot development in that moment of the text? Use examples from the story to back up your opinions.

**Final Paragraph**:

For the closing, you will select a quotation from a song or book with which you are already familiar and that you think illustrates this particular period in **your life**. In your final paragraph introduce and discuss this quotation. How and why is this quotation representative of your life right now? [*If possible, tie your personal life quotation analysis to the use of quotations in the novel. You may want to discuss the power of words to convey the human experience!]*

**NOTE:**

**Be sure to include the quotations (and their authors) in the topic sentences of each of your middle paragraphs.** **The quotations should be carefully blended into your topic sentences!**

**Song Lyrics and Literary Quotations as Section Headings:**

Part One: August – Fate smiles and destiny laughed as she came to my cradle… Natalie Merchant, “Wonder”

Part Two: Via - Far above the world Planet Earth is blue and there’s nothing I can do… David Bowie, “Space Oddity”

Part Three: Summer – You are beautiful no matter what they say / Words can’t bring you down / You are beautiful in every single way / Yes, words can’t bring you down… Christina Aguilera, “Beautiful”

Part Four: Jack – Now here is my secret. It is very simple. It is only with one’s heart that one can see clearly. What is essential is invisible to the eye. – Antoine de Saint-Exupery, *The Little Prince*

Part Five: Justin – Sometimes I think my head is so big because it is so full of dreams. – John Merrick in Bernard Pomerance’s play, *The Elephant Man*

Part Six: August – What a piece of work is a man! How noble in reason! How infinite in faculty! In form and moving how express and admirable! In action how like an angel! In apprehension how like a god! The beauty of the world… Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

Part Seven: Miranda – I forgot that I might see / So many beautiful things / I forgot that I might need / To find out what life could bring… Andain, “Beautiful Things”

Part Eight: August – You’re gonna reach the sky / Fly… Beautiful Child… Eurythmics, “Beautiful Child”