

Class 7 (English)

Lesson 1- Wonder

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Summary:-

'Wonder' is a story of August Pullman, a ten year old boy. Auggie(August) is homeschooled by his mother as he had multiple surgeries throughout his childhood. Auggie was born with a facial deformity, a kind of syndrome called mandibulofacial dysostosis. He lives with his parents and his older sister Via. Auggie feels bad when people look at him with weird faces and kids like him just run away when they see him. But with the passage of time Auggie and his family have learnt to avoid such people. Now he is admitted in fifth grade in Beecher Prep School. It's quite difficult for him to adjust as he is often bullied by other students. There is a girl named Summer who befriends Auggie. She gradually realizes that Auggie is a good boy and so loves to spend time with him. On the other hand, there are students like Julian who are very rude to him. Julian has even nicknamed him the Zombie Kid. Once, Summer and Auggie meet at Summer's house for working together on a project. Summer's mother is extremely shocked (as her face expressions showed). It took her a couple of seconds, though, to pretend that Auggie's face didn't bother her. On being asked by Summer why did he have such face, Auggie calmly replies to it and says 'I am a medical wonder'. Auggie feels proud and happy when Summer says, "You're funny, Auggie."

1. Word meanings:-

1. homeschooled- taught at home instead of in school
2. Xbox- a popular video gaming set
3. Via- August's sister Olivia

4. completely petrified- very scared
5. boy stuff- illustrations for male children
6. isn't so hot- is not that good
7. freak- someone considered strange because of the way they look
8. syndrome- a health condition that indicates a problem
9. morphed- changed into something different
10. brag- boast

2. Answer the questions:-

Q.1 What do you know about August's family from this extract?

Ans. August has a very loving and supporting family. He lives with his Mom, Dad and his sister, Via (Olivia). His parents feel he is extraordinary because of the way he looks. They have also learnt to ignore people making faces at August. But Via is not so good at it and gets really annoyed when people are rude to August. His parents have decided to not send him to school because of the number of surgeries he has had. So his Mom homeschools him.

Q.2 Why is August a 'medical wonder'?

Ans. August Pullman, a ten year old boy, was born with a facial difference called mandibulofacial dysostosis. In addition to this, he also had a syndrome that morphed together into one big and quite a rare problem that does not even have a name. Moreover, he has had twenty-seven surgeries since he was born. That's the reason why he is called a 'medical wonder'.

Q.3 Did Summer find it hard to ask August about his appearance? Why or why not?

Ans. Yes, Summer found it hard to ask August about his appearance. August suffered from a syndrome which made him look unusual. Owing to this, people would often make fun of him. So, probably Summer thought, he might feel offended if she asked him about his appearance.

3. Answer in few words (questions for practice):-

Q.1 What nickname did the kids in school give August?

Q.2 Why did Summer like to spend time with August?

Q.3 How did Summer's mother feel when she first saw August?

Q.4 What did Summer say that made August feel happy and proud?