The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Ordinary

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. The Phantom of the Opera

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Other words: N/A

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“I don’t know why that had to change.”

Short Discussion Questions

Who does it seem like Julian is talking to at the beginning of the chapter?
Why does Julian also blame Mr. Tushman?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. After reading Wonder how do you feel about Julian? Explain with specific examples.

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Vocabulary/Background Knowledge

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1. clenched

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Other words: Oscars, bigwig, board of trustees, Goody Two-shoes

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“'I'm not being mean!' said Jack. ‘I'm just being truthful.’”

Short Discussion Questions

Why are Charlotte, Jack and Julian the only kids at school? 
What does the reader learn about Julian’s mother?

Response Question

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Explain the differences in Jack’s, Charlotte’s, and Julian’s reactions to being there?
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Chapter: Mr. Tushman

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. mitzvah

Other words: bobbleheads, craniofacial difference, cleft lip, err, karma

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“So what I always say is that it’s always better to err on the side of kindness.”

Short Discussion Questions

What does Mr. Tushman talk to Charlotte, Jack, and Julian about?

Response Question

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why does Mr. Tushman apologize for not making Auggie’s facial difference clearer to Julian’s mom?

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**The Julian Chapter** by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: First Look

**Vocabulary/Background Knowledge**
*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. exaggerated

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Other words: N/A

**Quote**
*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

“I wanted to zoom out of there so fast and wash my hand.”

**Short Discussion Questions**

What does Julian mean by “unexaggerated”.

**Response Question**
*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. Why does Julian keep repeating the word, *Dude*?

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Scared

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
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1. hysterical

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Other words: SpongeBob, Harry Potter, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, zombie apocalypse, wailing, panic attack

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“It’s like you are covered in this blanket of fear…”

Short Discussion Questions
What are all of the things that made Julian have nightmares?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. How did Julian begin to cope and try to get over the nightmares?

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Vocabulary/Background Knowledge

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. severe

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Other words: Grandmere, developmentally delayed, severe

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

‘“Oh, those poor people!” She put her hand over her heart.’

Short Discussion Questions

How does the mother react to the class photograph?

Response Question

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Explain Julian’s dream. Shouldn’t his dream give him empathy for Auggie?
The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Photoshop

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. triggered

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Other words: homely, triggered, Photoshop, tarnished

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“You think I have anxiety issues?”

Short Discussion Questions

What did Julian’s mother do to the class photograph?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Can changing photographs change one’s memories? Explain.

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**The Julian Chapter** by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Mean

**Vocabulary/Background Knowledge**
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1. petition

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Other words: plague, contamination, dean, petition, (After losing his tooth, Julian pronounces “s” sounds as “th” sounds.)

**Quote**
*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

“Attention People! Stop being so sensitive!”

**Short Discussion Questions**

Why is Julian at the hospital?
What has the mother done before for Julian as “super-mom” and “not-so-super-mom”?
Why is she angry with Mr. Tushman?

**Response Question**
*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. What do we learn about Julian’s mother?

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Chapter: Party

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge  
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1. inclusion

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Other words: protocol, flagrantly

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“On the one hand, I’m happy she’s trying to help me. And on the other hand, I would love for her to stop.”

Short Discussion Questions

What are Julian’s mother’s concerns?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Does Julian agree or disagree with his mother?

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Team Julian

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. ostracize

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Other words: ice (slang)

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“They were not - I repeat, not - a big deal.”

Short Discussion Questions

What does Julian do with the post-it notes he found?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why doesn’t Julian see anything wrong with the mean notes and ostracizing Jack?

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Chapter: Dr. Jansen’s Office

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge  
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1. resolve 

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Other words: Dr., Board

Quote  
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“We obviously know the mission statement at Beecher Prep, Hal: we practically wrote it!”

Short Discussion Questions

Why are Julian’s parents and Julian sitting in the principal’s office?

Response Question  
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. How do you think this conversation will turn out? Explain.
Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. escalate

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Other words: interjected, residual anger, semantics

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“That’s the problem with stuff like this - everyone keeps trying to top one another, and then things escalate out of control.”

Short Discussion Questions

Who put notes in which lockers?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Dr. Jansen talked about Julian “crossing the line”. Explain the line that he crossed. Who do you think told Mr. Tushman about the notes?
The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: The Verdict

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. empathy

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Other words: recommendations, dismissively, counseling, admitted, initiated, social isolation, hostile atmosphere, remorse, punitive, ramifications, politically correct, confidential. reputation, constructive

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“I’m not an idiot. I knew what he was dying for me to say.”

Short Discussion Questions

What are Julian’s consequences or school punishment for what he did?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Explain Julian’s mother’s point of view. Explain Mr. Tushman’s point of view. How could the meeting have been run differently to end in a more positive, constructive way?

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Out of School

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. remorse

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Other words: N/A

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“But I’m not. So sue me.”

Short Discussion Questions

What did Julian’s father decide?
Does Julian feel remorse or bad for what he did?

Response Question

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. What are the differences in Julian’s mother’s and his father’s style of parenting? Explain.

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Chapter: Spring

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
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1. premonition

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Other words: strep throat, portal to a different dimension, alternate universe

Quote
*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

“Did he really think I was that awful that I would have been rooting for some seventh graders while they beat Auggie up?”

Short Discussion Questions

What happened at school while Julian was away on suspension?

Response Question
*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. How is Julian reacting to his first day back after the suspension?

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Chapter: Mr. Tushman

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. atonement

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Other words: air quotes

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“Look. I know everyone thinks I’m this unfeeling kid who doesn’t feel ‘remorse’!”

Short Discussion Questions
Why were Julian’s mom and dad furious or angry?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why didn’t Julian ever write an apology letter to Auggie?

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Summer Vacation

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. ballistic

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Other words: Halo, glamorous, lavatory

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“But Grandmere was French, and was always saying my parents were too “American” anyway.”

Short Discussion Questions

What was Julian going to do for the summer?
What does Julian end up doing for the summer?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Explain how Julian’s grandmother could be considered a character?

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Mr. Browne

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
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1. innocently

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Other words: gargoyle, Notre-Dame, zero tolerance, cafe au lait, mon cher

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“Sometimes it’s good to start over.”

Short Discussion Questions

Why does Julian send Mr. Browne an email?
How does Julian’s grandmother react to the email?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. What stands out most to you from Mr. Browne’s email to Julian? Explain.

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Grandmere’s Story

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. frivolous

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Other words: cosmopolitan, atheist, synagogue, polio, partisan, crypt, refuse, deported, WWII, Holocaust, Auschwitz

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“I was so ashamed for the way I had treated him.”

Short Discussion Questions
Describe Julian’s grandmother’s story.

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why is Julian’s grandmother telling him this story? Why do you think she hadn’t told him this story before?
The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Tourteau

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. liberation

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Other words: arthritis

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“It is always brave to be kind, but in those days, such kindness could cost you your life.”

Short Discussion Questions

Describe Julian’s Grandmother’s first kiss.
How many years did Julian’s grandmother stay hidden in the barn?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. What did Tourteau mean? What was Tourteau’s real name? Why is that significant?

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Chapter: Julian

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
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1. capable

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Other words: invalid, purge, gas chambers, chaos

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“One mistake does not define you, Julian.”

Short Discussion Questions

How does the story of Julian (Tourteau) end?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why does Julian cry?

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: My Dream

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. absolve

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Other words: Nazis, mon cher

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“In the end, mon cher, all that matters is that you forgive yourself. You are learning from your mistakes.”

Short Discussion Questions

What does Julian do in the morning after waking up early?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why was Julian’s dream not a nightmare anymore?

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: Going Home

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. rescind

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Other words: breach of contract, ramifications

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“He is taking responsibility! He is owning up to his mistakes. It takes much courage to do this kind of thing.”

Short Discussion Questions

What are Julian’s parents planning to do with Beecher Prep?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. What is the argument between Julian’s father and his grandmother? Why do you think the mother end up agreeing with the grandmother?
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Chapter: Unexpected

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. reversal

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Other words: C’est tout

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“We should be supportive.”

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why does Julian feel sorry for his mother? What gets Julian’s father to drop the lawsuit?

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1. **intact**

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Other words: intact, plaque

**Quote**

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“May he walk forever tall in the garden of God.”

**Short Discussion Questions**

Where does the grandmother take them?

**Response Question**

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why might the sharing of this experience also be important for the grandmother?

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The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio
Chapter: New York

Vocabulary/Background Knowledge
Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. resolution

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Other words: N/A

Quote
Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“Tu marches toujours le front haut.”

Short Discussion Questions

What message in on the answering machine for Julian?

Response Question
Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why doesn’t Julian call back Auggie? How has this experience changed Julian?

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