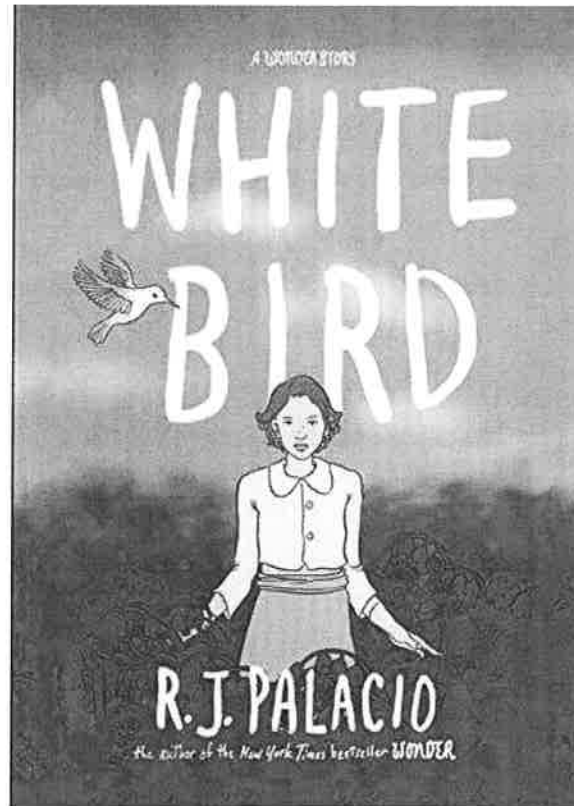


## 6th Grade Language Arts Summer Reading



In R. J. Palacio's bestselling collection of stories, *Auggie & Me*, which expands on characters in *Wonder*, readers were introduced to Julian's grandmother, Grandmère. Here, Palacio makes her graphic novel debut with Grandmère's heartrending how she, a young Jewish girl, was hidden by a family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II; how the boy she and her classmates once shunned became her savior and best friend.

Grandmère's harrowing experience movingly demonstrates the power of kindness to change hearts, build bridges, and even save lives. As Grandmère tells Julian, "It always takes courage to be kind, but in those days, such kindness could cost you everything." With poignant symbolism and gorgeous artwork that brings Grandmère's story out of the past and cements it firmly in this moment in history, *White Bird* is sure to captivate anyone who was moved by *Wonder*.

**As you are reading the graphic novel, please answer the questions in the attached packet. They are organized by part and chapter. Please do your best to answer the questions thoroughly and in complete sentences. Bring the completed packet back to school in September. If you have any questions, email your teacher.**







White Bird: Part One, Chapter One

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why does Julian call his grandmother in France?

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2. When asked to tell her story, Julian's grandmother says, "Your generation needs to know these things (Palacio 6). What does she mean by this?"

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3. Why does Grandmere begin her story with "Once Upon a Time"?

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4. Describe the area where Sara lived as a child.

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5. Where might the title "White Bird" come from?

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Two

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What was the result of France surrendering to Germany in 1940?

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2. What makes Sara and her family a possible target for the Nazis?

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3. What clues might Sara be seeing to tell her that her fairy tale life might be coming to an end?

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Three

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe Sara's school and the type of student Sara is.

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Four

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why is the boy who sits next to Sara called "Tourteau"?

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2. Describe Vincent. Give text evidence to support your description.

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Five

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How are Sara's parents at odds about what should be their next step as a family in terms of what has been going on around them?

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2. What is Papa's answer when Sara asks, "Why do they hate us"?

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3. Does Sara keep her promise to Papa? If not, what does she do instead?

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Six

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where did Sara leave her sketchbook? Why did she leave it there?

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2. Why does Mademoiselle Petitjean pull Sara and a few other students out of class?

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3. Does Sara follow the maquisard and the other children into the forest? Why or why not?

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Seven

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why is it that the Nazis do not believe Pastor Luc when he tells them that the children on their list did not come to school that day?

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2. What do the Nazis tell the children in order to get them into the truck? Is what they tell the children true? Why do they say it?

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3. What tremendously selfless act does Mademoiselle Petitjean commit?

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4. Where were the children taken? How does Sara find this out?

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Eight

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who surprises Sara while she is hiding in the bell tower? Why does this person come to find Sara?

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2. How does Tourteau get Sara out of the building? How does he know this route?

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3. Why does Tourteau tell Sara she can't stay in his house?

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4. Why does Sara become choked up when she says, "I should have worn my..."?

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Nine

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe the barn where Sara will be staying.

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2. What request does Tourteau have of Sara at the end of the chapter?

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3. What clues do we get, at the end of the chapter, that shows us that Julien was greatly influential in Sara's life?

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White Bird: Part One, Chapter Ten

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What does Sara dream about as Julien's parents work around her in the hayloft?

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2. What do we learn about Sara's mother at the end of the chapter?

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White Bird: Part Two, Chapter One

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What was the plan for Sara once the Beaumiers could not find her parents? In what way did that plan fall through?

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2. What makes Julien's family believe that the Lafleurs are Nazi conspirators?

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3. What route does Vivienne take in order to come and go from the barn? Why does she need to take this route?

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White Bird: Part Two, Chapter Two

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What do Julien and Sara do together when he comes to visit her at night?

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White Bird: Part Two, Chapter Three

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. According to Julien, why didn't Sara learn and remember her math facts?

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2. What does Julien promise Sara at the end of the chapter?

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White Bird: Part Two, Chapter Four

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What does Julien spot on Pastor Lucas desk when he meets with him about his math class?

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2. What does Julien do once he finds Sara's sketchbook? Who catches him?

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3. What might have been the result of Julien's actions? What text evidence tells the reader what will happen next?

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White Bird: Part Two, Chapter Five

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who followed Julien home and to the barn?

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2. According to Vincent, what do the Nazis do with people "like him"?

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3. How is Julien saved from Vincent and his henchmen?

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4. Why, according to Julien, is he angry with Sara? Make an inference...why might Julien actually be angry with Sara?

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White Bird: Part Two, Chapter Six

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. According to Julien's parents, why can't they report Vincent to the police?

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2. According to Vivienne, when will evil be stopped?

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3. According to Vivienne, why is Julien too upset to be with Sara right now?

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4. According to Julien, why was he upset and avoiding Sara?

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5. Why doesn't Julien want to be considered "brave"?

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White Bird: Part Three, Chapter One

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What changes have occurred with the people in Sara and Julien's lives due to the war?

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2. How is Sara's perception of Julien changing?

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3. What does Julien give to Sara for her birthday? What is the significance of this gift?

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4. How were Julien and his parents able to get past the Lafleurs?

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5. What do Sara, Julien, and Julien's family hear on the radio?

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6. What does Sara envision when she realizes that the war might soon end?

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White Bird: Part Three, Chapter Two

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What does Julien want Sara to see with him?

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2. What does Julien ask Sara in the forest (you have to make an inference)?

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3. What gift does Sara give to Julien? Why does she give him this gift?

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White Bird: Part Three, Chapter Three

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What happens to Julien on his way to school?

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2. Why would the Nazis target Julien?

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3. How is Vincent led back to Sara?

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4. Who saves Sara from Vincent?

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5. Who saves Sara from Vincent?

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6. Do you think Vincent was the one who planned Julien's capture? Explain. Provide evidence to support your claim.

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White Bird: Part Three, Chapter Four

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Who does Sara find when she crawls into the window of Julien's house? Why are they there?

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2. How were the Lafleurs misunderstood by the Beaumiers? How did the two families misunderstand each other?

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3. How do the Lafleurs attempt to help the Beaumiers to get Julien out of Nazi custody?

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4. Explain what happened when Julien's mother got to the transport truck carrying Julien.

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White Bird: Part Three, Chapter Five

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain what happened in the forest where Vivienne went to find Julien and was then turned away (180).

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2. Why might it have been difficult for Sara to come out of hiding even after the war ended?

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3. What finally gives Sara a sense of purpose?

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4. What had happened to Sara's father during all of these years?

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5. In what ways did the Beaumiers remain in Sara's life after Sara moved to Paris to be with her father?

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Epilogue:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What lesson does Julian learn from Grandmere's story?

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2. What is Grandmere reading about in the paper (one month later)? What might she be thinking about as she reads?

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3. What understanding does the white bird lead Grandmere to?

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