

John Greene, *The Fault in Our Stars* (2012)

- Hazel Grace, a 16-year-old girl with cancer that has spread to her lungs
- Augustus, a 17-year-old ex-basketball player and amputee (his right leg has been replaced with a prosthetic)

wings

Books can give you “wings” to understand the world around you and they can help you cope with difficult situations.

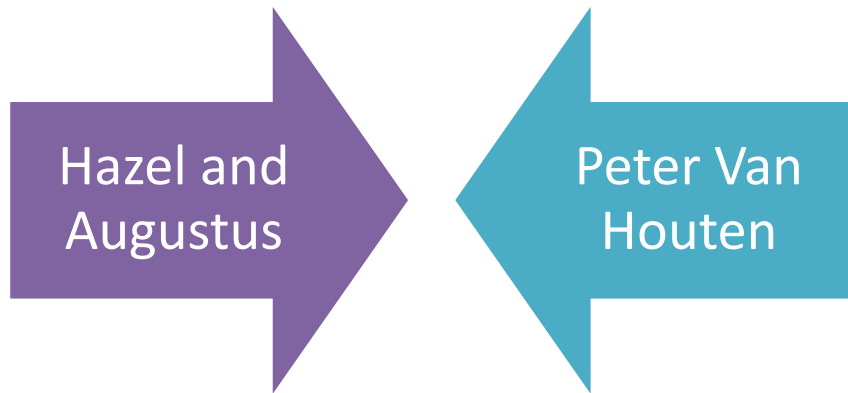
What book have you read recently that gave you “wings” – of courage, of understanding, of hope?

brain and heart

Some books challenge your brain. Others touch your heart. Some books do both!

What book have you read lately that made you think about things you never thought about before? Are there any characters from books that made you laugh out loud, or shake your head,?

Viewing: The Clash



Find out why the meeting is a complete disaster.

Which clashes or misunderstandings can you identify?

Literature and a person's response to it

Are books more than
entertainment?

Are they windows to
understanding our
society, other cultures
and ourselves?

Worksheet:
A Personal Letter from
Lois Lowry

Letters About Literature Library of Congress Contest

Letters About Literature: Books can give
your "wings"

- ✓ Students enter LAL Contest by writing a letter to an author – living or dead – explaining how the author’s work somehow changed their view of the world or of themselves.
- ✓ Students write honestly and in their own voice, as if they were having a conversation with the author.
- ✓ 3 levels (state / national)

How to enter

