

Wonderstruck Part One Summary Template

Use this template to write a summary of the story told through the text of *Wonderstruck*.

Write the text title and author. <i>Wonderstruck</i> by Brian Selznick				
SOMEBODY	WANTED	BUT	SO	THEN
Who are the characters? Which characters are the main characters?	What do the main character(s) want to accomplish?	What conflict or problem do the main character(s) encounter?	What did the main character(s) do in response to the problem?	How did the conflict resolve itself?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ben - the main characterRobby - Ben's cousinBen's Aunt Jenny and Uncle SteveElaine - Ben's mom who is deadDanny - a man who Ben thinks might be his father		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ben's mom just died in a car accidentBen's aunt and uncle might sell his mother's houseBen feels alone, he doesn't feel at home, but he has nowhere else to goBen sees a light on in his house	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Looks through his box at the objects he keeps, remembers his motherBen goes to investigate the house.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ben finds Janet in the house, wearing his

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben finds a locket that he never saw his mom wear, a coffee can full of money, a book, <i>Wonderstruck</i>, with a note to Danny, and a bookmark with a note to Elaine from Danny with an address and phone number on it • Ben finds evidence that reveals his father may be a man named Daniel. • Ben is hit by lightning while trying to make the phone call and he is now completely deaf. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danny calls the number on the bookmark to try and reach Daniel. 	<p>mom's clothes and smoking a cigarette. Ben says he won't tell on Janet to her parents if she leaves and lets him stay in the house for a bit.</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben is in pain and overwhelmed by what has happened to him. 	
<p>Write a summary of the text including the details above.</p> <p>Ben's mother has recently died and he is living with his aunt, uncle, and cousins on a lake in Minnesota. Ben finds clues in his mother's room that seem to reveal who his father is. When Ben tries to call the phone number to contact the man he thinks is his father, he is electrocuted by lightning through the phone wire. Ben is hospitalized, in a pain, and confused about what has happened.</p>				

Summary Template

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wolves • A girl - the main character, she is deaf • A man - the girl's teacher • The father 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The girl looks afraid of the man who is coming in the house and she writes a note that says "Help" • The girl leaves the theatre and realizes that they are closing the theatre to install sound. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The girl climbs out the window, makes her note into a boat and send her "help" note down the river. • The girl goes to a movie theatre and watches a movie with the star Lillian Mayhew in it - the same star from the girl's magazine. • The girl becomes upset and runs home in the rain. She trips and falls, but ultimately makes it back to her house and crawls in the window. • The girl opens up the book the teacher left and cuts it up to make buildings in her 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The girl is in trouble with her father for running away and missing her lesson with the teacher.• The father gets angry when he finds out the girl has cut an article out of his newspaper.	<p>room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The girl runs to her room, packs her scrapbook with all of the articles about Lillian Mayhew in a suitcase and leaves the house. She gets on a ferry to the city.	
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Write a summary of the text including the details above.

A girl, who is deaf, has conflicts with her teacher and her father. She is interested in a movie star named Lillian Mayhew, and she has a scrapbook of articles and pictures about her. After a fight with her father, the girl packs up her things, including the scrapbook, and gets on a ferry to travel to the city.