

The fault, dear Brutus, is  
not in our stars, but in  
ourselves, that we are  
underlings.

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

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

# Viewing

**Why are books important for Hazel and for Augustus?**

Hazel

*An Imperial Affliction*

by Peter Van Houten

Augustus

*The Price of Dawn*

# Hazel about *An Imperial Affliction*

My favourite book was *An Imperial Affliction*,  
but I didn't like to tell people about it.....

There are books which you can't tell people  
about, books so special and rare and **yours**  
that advertising your affection feels like  
betrayal.

# What about you?

- Please list a book or books you remember reading as a young child, as a teenager.... Which were funny? Which were scary? What feelings do you associate with the reading experience?
- How have your reading experiences changed over time?

## **wings**

Books can give you “wings” to understand the world around you, 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!

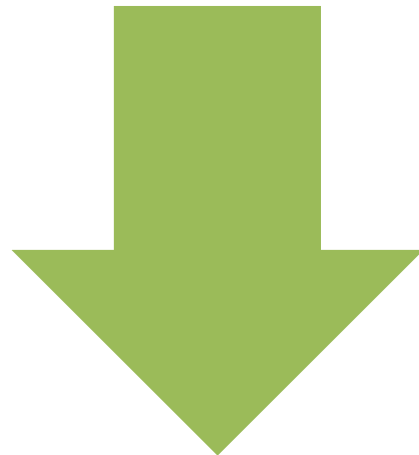
What book have you read lately that made you think about things you never thought about before?  
What book’s character made you shake with laughter, shake your fists,.....?

# What will happen after their death?



Augustus

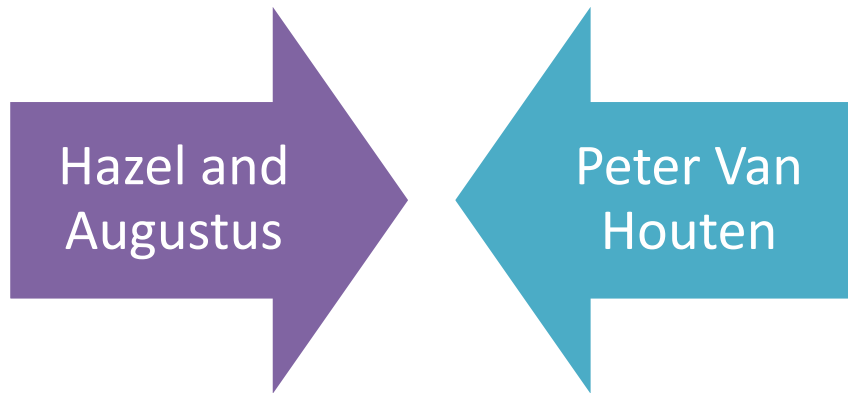
afraid of oblivion



Hazel

afraid of  
destroying the  
ones she loves

# Viewing: The Clash



Find out why the meeting is a complete disaster.

Which clashes can you identify?