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THE METAPHOR & SYNTAX DOCTOR: "THE FAULT IN OUR STARS"

Grade 7 Language & Grammar Workshop

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NAME: _____ DATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Authors choose their sentence structures and word types carefully to create mood, character voice, and meaning. Today, you are a "Syntax Doctor." Your job is to analyze, diagnose, and fix the sentences below!

PART 1: DIAGNOSING PARTS OF SPEECH & CLAUSES

Read the original quote from the novel and answer the questions.

Quote A:

"My thoughts are stars I cannot fathom into constellations."

1. Identify the Part of Speech for each underlined word:

a) "thoughts" --> [NOUN / VERB / ADJECTIVE]

b) "fathom" --> [NOUN / VERB / ADJECTIVE]

2. What type of figurative language is used in this sentence?

[] Simile [] Metaphor [] Personification

3. Clause Check: Is "I cannot fathom into constellations" an Independent Clause or a Dependent Clause?

Answer:

Quote B:

"You don't get to choose if you get hurt in this world, but you do have some say in who hurts you."

4. What conjunction connects the two main clauses in this sentence?

Answer:

5. What type of sentence structure is Quote B?

[] Simple [] Compound [] Complex

PART 2: THE SYNTAX CLINIC (FIXING FRAGMENTS & RUN-ONS)

The sentences below have been "broken." Identify the error and rewrite them into grammatically correct sentences.

6. Broken Sentence 1:

"Grave mistakes were made Hazel Grace because Augustus bought the tickets."

- What is the error? [FRAGMENT / RUN-ON / MISPLACED COMMA]
- Rewrite it correctly with proper punctuation:

7. Broken Sentence 2:

"Because pain demands to be felt."

- What is the error? [FRAGMENT / RUN-ON / COMMA SPLICE]
- Rewrite it as a full, complete sentence by adding an independent clause:

PART 3: BUILD YOUR OWN SYNTAX (CREATIVE APPLICATION)

8. Write a sentence about a character, hobby, or topic of your choice that uses a METAPHOR and follows a COMPOUND sentence structure (using *and*, *but*, or *so*).

Your Sentence:
