**Book Study Sample Answers from Mrs. Macdonald’s Books: April 20th**

A - Fiction ***The Wonder*** by Emma Donahue:

1. Who is the ***protagonist*** of the story/text which you are reading? How do you know this?

The protagonist of this book is a nurse named Lib who has been hired for some reason by a family in the middle of Ireland. I know she is the protagonist because the story starts with her travelling, then on page 2 we are introduced to why she is heading there: “All Matron at the hospital had said was that an experienced nurse was needed for two weeks.”

1. What do you believe is the ***protagonist’s*** goal? In addition, what do you believe was his or her motivation in having this goal?

Lib’s job as nurse is to monitor the local miracle-child, who has apparently not eaten for four months, yet is still quite healthy. Lib, also called Mrs. White, is a woman of science, and does not believe the miracle. Her goal is to find out who is feeding the child, to prove that the miracle does not exist: “ That clinched it for Lib; the squire and his lady wanted to keep their daughter at home so they could carry on slipping food to her. It wouldn’t take two weeks of supervision to catch them out.” (p.18)

1. From what ***point of view*** is the story told? Include a piece of evidence that allows you to figure this out.

This story is told from the third-person limited view. I can tell that from the very first page: “Lib waited, her arms braced against the juddering of the cart.” The use of the pronoun “her” shows that an outside narrator is telling the story. It is limited because we know the feelings and experiences of Lib, but only see the actions and dialogue from the others: “Lib held her temper….complaining would be no use.” (p.8)

1. Why would the author have chosen this ***point of view***? Why is it the best choice for the story?

This was a great choice, because it does allow the reader to know the thoughts of the protagonist; however, since the entire story is not told BY her, it allows the reader to make up his or her own decision as to whether the miracle child is eating or not.