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<p>Fault in Our Stars Book Report</p> <p>John Green has won numerous accolades as an accomplished young adult author. He has written six novels - <i>Will Grayson</i>, <i>Looking for Alaska</i>, <i>And Abundance of Katherines</i>, <i>Let it Snow</i>, <i>Paper Towns</i>, and <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>. His accomplishments include receiving the Michael L. Printz Award, Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and Edgar Award. In addition to writing, John Green and his brother, Hank, create YouTube videos about decreasing world problems, as well as educational videos about science, history, literature, government, economics. Through his experience working with children with terminal illnesses and online fans, the author met Esther Earl, who became his close friend. Green had developed close relationships with Esther, her family, and her friends prior to her death. The author grieved for the loss of his dear friend, who taught him about the hardships of cancer, by writing <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>. Despite its fictional genre, Green</p>		

writes about Hazel, the protagonist, influenced by Esther Earl.

Despite living with cancer for three years, seventeen year old Hazel Grace Lancaster displays incredible empathy, wits, and a bright mind. Thyroid cancer spread to her lungs, requiring her to perpetually breathe air from an oxygen tank. Her mother forces her to attend a support group at church, where she meets Isaac, her mutual friend, and Augustus, her future lover. Years before, Augustus lost his leg to osteosarcoma, believed to now be cancer-free. His character loves romantic gestures, metaphors, and anything with deep meaning. Hazel and Augustus bond over literature and fall in love, but Hazel hesitates to start a relationship, wanting to prevent inflicting pain upon him, in case her illness becomes more severe. Hazel introduces him to her favorite book, *An Imperial Affliction*, and he creates a plan to find the author with her in Amsterdam, with the “wish” given to him. Upon arriving, the author’s drunk and lazy demeanors disappoint the protagonists, who wish to find out what was supposed to happen in the book’s end. At the end of the trip, Augustus unveils his cancer recurrence, much worse than the previous time. The couple returns home from their trip and Hazel stays with him until his heart-wrenching demise. Peter Van Houten, the author of Hazel’s favorite book, attends Augustus’s funeral to apologize to Hazel about his rudeness, revealing that his book was about his young daughter, who had fallen to cancer.

The Fault in Our Stars presents many themes. Green displays the theme “everyone struggles with their own battles.” One never knows all the struggles of the people around them. Therefore, individuals should look at others with empathy, instead of turning to judgement. In the story, Hazel spends her life in a bubble, hiding her feelings to protect those around her, but she learns this is not right. Family and friends are there to help, so let them help when going through tough times. It is always okay expressing your feelings and emotions. Another theme in the story is to “live life.” Appreciate all the small moments

and experience the world. You never know what will happen, so you should live life to the fullest.