

# Incoming 6th-Grade Summer Reading

**Step One:** Purchase Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper. You will need your own copy of the book for the summer reading and for the first few weeks of school. You may also want to buy small post-it-notes to tab pages where you find important quotes and ideas. This will help you remember what you read and help you complete the assignment below. Since you will own the book, you may also write notes in the margins.

You may buy it anyplace, but here is the Amazon link:

[https://www.amazon.com/Out-My-Mind-Sharon-Draper/dp/1416971718/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1466435306&sr=1-1&keywords=out+of+my+mind+sharon+draper](https://www.amazon.com/Out-My-Mind-Sharon-Draper/dp/1416971718/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1466435306&sr=1-1&keywords=out+of+my+mind+sharon+draper)

**Step Two:** Review the assignment choices before reading the book, so you can mark pages that you would like to refer back to while writing.

**Step Three:** Read the book.

**Step Four: Choose ONE of the following three assignments to complete.** Be sure to include at least three or four **specific details or ideas** from the story. The assignment may be typed or handwritten. Length: 1-2 pages 12-point font, double-spaced or handwritten without skipping lines. Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation are required for all three assignments.

Choice A: You are a reporter at one of the following scenes. Pick ONE of the titles below and write the article for your local newspaper.

- "Student with Disabilities Makes Quiz Team"
- "Child Struck by Family Car"
- "Big Storm Grounds Air Traffic"
- "Local Quiz Team Wins Big"

Choice B: Imagine it is the last day of fifth grade. Write letters or create a conversation between ONE of the following pairs of characters:

- Rose and Melody
- Melody and Mrs. V
- Melody and Catherine
- Mr. D and Melody
- Melody and Claire

Choice C: Put yourself in Melody's chair. Write a diary entry from Melody's point of view that tells what it would be like to be Melody for one day. Talk about your feelings and frustrations.

