



## Incoming 6th-Grade Summer Reading Assignment

*Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper*

### Important Note

In middle school, summer reading and writing assignments are mandatory. This will be the first novel discussed in class, and the accompanying writing assignment will be your first grade of the term. It sets the groundwork for the year, so please put forth your best effort. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and reading your work when you return in August!

**BOOK**  
Out of My Mind

**AUTHOR**  
Sharon Draper

**SUBMIT**  
Via Blackbaud at the start of  
school

### What You Need To Do

**Step 1: Purchase the Book** - Purchase Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper. You may also want to buy small sticky notes to tab important quotes and ideas. Since you will own the book, feel free to write notes in the margins.

**Step 2: Review the Assignment** - Review the assignment choices before reading so you can identify and mark pages you may want to use later in your writing.

**Step 3: Read the Novel** - Read carefully and actively. Mark moments that show important character traits, conflicts, emotions, changes, or turning points.

**Step 4: Complete the Writing Assignment** - Choose ONE writing option from the choices in this packet. Include at least five or six specific details from the story.

### Book Link

Amazon link: \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing Assignment

Choose ONE of the following three options. Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation are required for whichever assignment you choose.

### Final Submission Requirements

- Typed
- Double-spaced
- 12-point Times New Roman font
- 2-3 pages in length
- Includes at least five or six specific details from the story

### Before You Submit

- Typed using your Berman account
- Saved in a place you can access at school
- Ready to submit through Blackbaud at the start of the school year
- Proofread for grammar, spelling, and punctuation

## Choose ONE Option

### Option A: Newspaper Reporter

Imagine you are a reporter on the scene. Pick ONE headline and write a news article for your local paper.

### Option B: Character Dialogue

Imagine it is the last day of fifth grade. Write a series of letters or a detailed conversation between ONE pair of characters.

### Option C: Diary Entry

Write a diary entry from Melody's point of view. Describe a full day in her life, focusing on her specific feelings, daily experiences, and frustrations.

### Option A Headlines

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

### Option B Character Pair Choices

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

## Planning Organizer

Use this page to help organize your thinking before you write.

<b>My option:</b>	A / B / C _____
<b>Main idea:</b>	_____ _____
<b>Story detail 1:</b>	_____ _____
<b>Story detail 2:</b>	_____ _____
<b>Story detail 3:</b>	_____ _____
<b>Story detail 4:</b>	_____ _____

## While You Read: What to Mark

<p><b>Important Quotes</b></p> <p>Lines that reveal character, conflict, courage, frustration, growth, or a major theme.</p>	<p><b>Specific Details</b></p> <p>Moments you may want to use in your article, dialogue, letters, or diary entry.</p>
<p><b>Questions &amp; Reactions</b></p> <p>Places where you are surprised, confused, impressed, frustrated, or curious.</p>	<p><b>Character Changes</b></p> <p>Moments that show how Melody or another character changes over time.</p>

## Final Checklist

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I read the full novel.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I chose ONE writing option.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I included at least five or six specific details from the story.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My assignment is typed, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman, and 2-3 pages long.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I proofread carefully.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I used my Berman account so I can submit through Blackbaud when school begins.</li> </ul>
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