



Dear Parents and Students,

Congratulations on the completion of another school year! The following is the 8th-grade summer reading requirement for the summer of 2023. The purpose of summer reading is to enjoy literature as well as prevent students' reading and writing skills from regressing. 8th-grade students are required to read and complete an assignment on the following book:

Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper

Assignment Part 1- Paragraph Writing

On a separate sheet of paper write three well-developed paragraphs on the novel *Out of my Mind*.

These Paragraphs will show your teacher how well you can write, so please do your best. Make sure to address all bullet points. Paragraphs should have a minimum of 8-9 sentences.

Paragraph #1

Write a well-developed paragraph on the main character in your novel.

Give a description of your character

- Tell what he/she looks like, hobbies, abilities, strengths, weaknesses, ect.

Paragraph #2

Trace the development of your character throughout the novel:

- What is he/she like at the beginning of the novel?
- How does he/she change as the novel progresses?
- How is he/she different at the end of the novel than he/she was at the beginning?
- Explain the change and what caused it by giving examples from the novel.
- How did you relate or connect to the character?

Paragraph # 3

Write one paragraph on the theme of your novel.



The theme is the central idea or belief in a story. It may be a moral lesson the author is trying to convey. It is the "So What?" of a piece of writing.

In a well-developed paragraph write what you feel a theme of your novel is and give at least 2 examples from your novel to prove your point. Please provide page numbers in parentheses as a citation.

Assignment Part 2- Character Head Characterization Project

Characterize Melody using the template provided.

The template must contain the following:

- Character's name in a large font.
- Two significant character quotes.
- Two images relevant to the character (concrete or abstract).
- Three adjectives to describe the character.
- The character's nickname in the story, or one you create.
- The title of the novel or story, author, and genre.
- Use an attractive color scheme with virtually no white space.
- All text is legible, dark, and attractive. Final text is not written in pencil.
- Head is securely glued to reinforced backing. (construction paper, cardstock, or poster)
- Head and backing are cut and trimmed neatly.
- Error free in grammar, mechanics, and spelling.
- Name and grade on the back of the final project.
- Attention to detail, high quality of work.
- Quality of work reflects knowledge and understanding of character.

Be Creative!

