



## HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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# Upcoming 7th Graders

## Summer Reading Book: *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper

### Synopsis:

- "Sharon Draper's *Out of My Mind*, based on her own experiences parenting a disabled child, is a New York Times Bestselling novel told from the first-person perspective of 10-year-old Melody Brooks. Melody is a fifth-grade girl who, due to cerebral palsy, is unable to communicate verbally and is wheelchair-bound." (Taken from supersummary.com).

### Assignment:

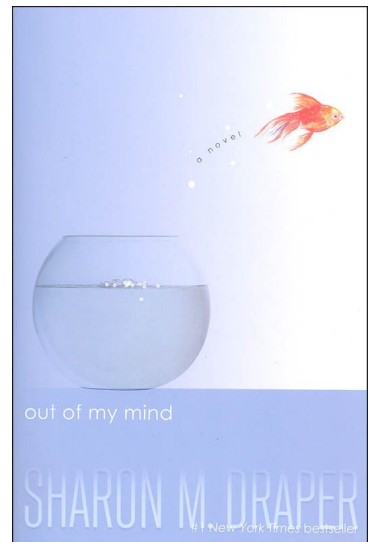
- Students should read (or listen- many audiobook readings are available for free on YouTube!) the novel and complete the assignment linked below. The assignment may be completed virtually on Google Slides or printed off and completed as a hard copy. Bring the novel and your assignment to class on the first day of school (if you complete it virtually, you do not have to bring anything but the novel) as we will have a reading accountability assessment and begin discussing the novel in the first week.

### Skills we will practice:

- Synthesizing informational and literary texts
- Theme analysis

### Parental Guidance:

- "Parents need to know that [the book] is narrated by a girl with cerebral palsy who's very intelligent but unable to express herself verbally or physically. When Melody is integrated into some general classes at school, many kids are purposely mean; others, including teachers, are cruel through their assumptions that Melody is incapable of understanding them. With the help of her parents and some supportive friends and teachers, Melody acquires a machine that allows her to communicate better than she ever has before. Ultimately, Melody's self-acceptance, sense of humor, and loving nature are inspiring." (Read full parent guide here: <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews/out-of-my-mind>)



### Link to purchase:

[https://www.amazon.com/Out-My-Mind-Sharon-Draper/dp/1416971718/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=NW7U1QBAAEoX1&keywords=out+of+my+mind+paperback&qid=1683299960&sprfix=out+of+my+mind+paperback%2Caps%2C104&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Out-My-Mind-Sharon-Draper/dp/1416971718/ref=sr_1_1?crid=NW7U1QBAAEoX1&keywords=out+of+my+mind+paperback&qid=1683299960&sprfix=out+of+my+mind+paperback%2Caps%2C104&sr=8-1)

### Link to assignment:

Hard copy: Open link > File > Print

Virtual version: Open link > File > MAKE A COPY > Entire Presentation. Then add your text on the copy

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/13QxBaLAKTpOWuHontWSeGiWYZYc78iPzob-1fRdyTjc/edit?usp=sharing>



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## Math 7

Skills a students needs to understand to prepare for success as a 7th grade math student are:

- Must be fluent with math facts
- Should have a basic understanding of fraction and decimal operations
- Should have a basic understanding of negative numbers and of absolute value
- Should understand rates and equivalent ratios
- <https://www.multiplication.com/> - helpful with math fact review
- Continue work on [Sign In | MobyMax](#)

Required summer work:

- [Get ready for 7th grade | Math | Khan Academy](#) - print final page showing completion and number of mastery points per section and turn it in when you come to school. It will count as your first quiz grade.