

Dear Future 7th Grade Students,

The 7th Grade ELA teachers are requiring that you read **two books** during the summer. The required book is called ***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon M. Draper. While you are reading, you will **complete 10 journal responses (see list of prompts below)**. For each journal response, you should write one well-developed paragraph (5-10 sentences minimum). **These journals must be typed and turned in on Google Classroom on September, 27.**

In addition to your required reading book, you will also read one choice book. We have offered some suggestions of titles, **but you may choose to read your own book, as long as it is new to you and appropriate for your grade level and reading ability.** Although you will not need to complete any work for your choice book over the summer, **there will be an activity on your choice book when we return to school.**

Suggested Reading Titles:

- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartayana
- *The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole* by Michelle Cuevas
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *So Done* by Paula Chase
- *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds

We are so excited to meet you in the fall! Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

Mr. Domina (Wolves) and Ms. Sparicio (Falcons)

## **Grade 7 Journal Prompts**

**Write a one paragraph (5-10 sentence) response for each of the 10 prompts. You must answer the first 2 questions. You may choose the remaining 8 prompts.**

- 1. Pretend you are one of the characters and explain how you would react to a conflict that the character is facing.**
- 2. Choose a major event that happened in the book. Describe your feelings about it.**
3. Copy down a quote from a character and explain why you think it's meaningful.
4. Pretend you are one of the characters and explain how you would react to a conflict that the character is facing.
5. Explain how a character has changed from beginning, middle, and end. Give 3 reasons.
6. Explain how this book relates to your life. Give 3 reasons.
7. What lesson/theme does the author try to teach through the plot and characters of this book? Give 3 examples to support your theme.
8. Write about a relationship between two characters. Explain why it is interesting/unique.

9. Explain the setting of the story and its impact on the story. Give 3 ways the setting impacts the story.
10. What kind of conflict is the main character facing? Is it character vs. character; character vs. self; character vs. society, character vs. nature; character vs. supernatural? Explain why you chose this type of conflict and provide 3 examples.
11. Describe a part of the book that is either realistic or unrealistic. Explain why using 3 reasons.
12. Who is your favorite character in your book? Why is this character your favorite?
13. Think about a setting in your book. If you were in the setting, what are some things you might see?
14. What point of view is your book written in? How do you know?
15. If you were in the story, what would your relationship be to the main character?
16. In what ways would this book be different if it were set 100 years in the past?
17. In what ways would this book be different if it was set 100 years in the future?
18. Think about a supporting character in your book. How would the book be different if that character did not exist?
19. Think of an important event in your book. How would the story have changed if this event had not happened?
20. What is the tone/mood of your book? How do you know?
21. If you could give the main character in your book some advice, what would you tell him or her?
22. If you could ask the main character of this book three questions, what would you ask?
23. Do you think the title fits the book? If you could change the title, what would you change it to and why?
24. Why do you think the author wrote this book? What was the author's purpose?
25. What are your thoughts on the ending of the book? If you could change the ending, how would you change it?
26. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

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