

# SUMMER READING

## INCOMING 6TH GRADERS

**At CDS we hope that everyone will find joy and pleasure in reading!** In order to jump-start your love of reading, the 6th-grade Language and Literature teachers have provided you with some great reading selections this summer. **Each student is required to read 2 books, one required and one choice.** This packet will explain the books and assignments for each, as well as some excellent suggestions for your choice book.

**Book 1: Required Novel** – *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper

**Assignment:** Note-Taking Graphic Organizer // **Due August 28** (Monday)

To take notes on your novel, you may use either the graphic organizer found on the next two pages or create your own graphic organizer that includes the same information. This will help you review the novel before returning to school to better prepare for your classwork. Students should expect a quiz and writing assignment upon their return to school. **Please bring this book with you during the first week of school.**

**Book 2: Choice Novel**

Please read a book of your choosing. Your choice of a novel should be appropriate for **your age and reading level**. *Please find more detailed instructions along with a rubric for this assignment on the last page of this packet.*

**Assignment:** Creative Collage // **Due August 17** (Thursday)

You will create a collage that includes the following novel elements:

- ☐ Title and author of the novel
- ☐ Novel Genre
- ☐ Major Characters
- ☐ Setting
- ☐ Plot Diagram
- ☐ Summary
- ☐ Major Themes
- ☐ Important Quotes



# ***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon M. Draper

Notetaking Graphic Organizer (Page 1)

<b>Characters</b> Who are the major characters?	<b>Character Details</b> What do you know about these characters?

**Settings** - Describe the main settings throughout the novel.

**Events** - List *at least 7* major events and include a 1-2 sentence summary of the event.

*Teacher Tip- using your list below, would you be able to write a detailed summary of the novel?*

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Notetaking Graphic Organizer (Page 2)

**Theme:** *a universal idea, lesson, or message explored throughout a work of literature.*

List and explain two major themes present in the novel.

1)

2)

### **Reflection**

Write a short summary of the novel in your own words.

**Reactions:** What are your thoughts about the novel?

**Lingering Questions:** Do you have any questions about the reading?

# CREATIVE COLLAGE - STUDENT CHOICE NOVEL

The **purpose** of this assignment is to create a collage utilizing visual images to represent various elements from your choice novel. If you like to draw, feel free to draw images for the collage and show off your artistic skills. If you aren't much of an artist but are still creative, use magazines, newspapers, or printed-out photos. Be as creative as you like! *Please find below the rubric that will be used to assess your project.*

1. Your collage must **fill** one 8.5"x 11" piece of paper as a *minimum* size. Your collage can be as large as a 22" x 28" poster board.
2. Your collage must include the **title**, **author**, and novel **genre**.
3. Your collage must include a **plot diagram**.
4. Your collage must include a **short summary** of the novel highlighting its major plot points.
5. Your collage should include *at least* **TWO** major **themes** along with important **quotes** that support that theme.
6. Your collage must include the names of the major **characters** and important settings.
7. Your collage must have *at least* **FIVE** images.
8. Be ready to present your collage when you bring it to school on **August 17th**.

## GRADING RUBRIC (OUT OF 15 POINTS)

<u>Category</u>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<u>Score</u>
<b>Summary</b>	Included <i>thoughtful</i> multimedia in the collage that represents a well-thought-out summary of the text.	Included <i>some</i> multimedia in the collage that represent a basic summary of the text.	<i>Did not</i> include multimedia that does not give a clear summary of the text.	
<b>Central Idea or Theme</b>	Identified <i>two or more</i> theme(s) in the text and <i>fully</i> explored them in detail in the collage.	Identified <i>one or more</i> theme(s) in the text but <i>did not</i> fully explore it/them in the collage.	Identified <i>one</i> theme but <i>did not</i> explore/expand on it.	
<b>Size of the Collage</b>	Created a collage <i>larger</i> than an 8.5"x11" piece of paper.	Created a collage on an 8.5"x11" piece of paper.	Did not create a collage as large as an 8.5"x11" paper.	
<b>Pictures, Graphics, and Images</b>	Included <i>more than</i> the required number and types of pictures, graphics, images, and diagrams.	Included the <i>required</i> number and type of pictures, graphics, images, and diagrams.	Included <i>less than</i> the required number and types of pictures, graphics, images, and diagrams.	
<b>Oral Presentation</b>	Maintains eye contact with the audience. Well-thought-out. Clear and easily understandable delivery.	Some eye contact. May or may not be well thought out. Clear delivery.	Little eye contact. Unclear and hard-to-understand delivery.	
<b>Total Score:</b>				

## Choice Novel Recommendations

The books on this list vary in genre, length, and reading level. They are suggestions, not mandatory. Please use your best judgment by previewing the book to ensure that it is appropriate for your child.

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman  
*Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins  
*Harry Potter Series* by J.K. Rowling  
*Heat* by Mike Lupica  
*When the Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed  
*Cheaper by the Dozen* by Frank B. Gilbreth Jr.  
*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London  
*The Ranger's Apprentice (series) Book 1: The Ruins of Gorlan* by John Flanagan  
*The Angel Experiment (Maximum Ride 1)* by James Patterson  
*Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale  
*Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell  
*A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulson  
*Projekt 1065* by Alan Gratz  
*Among the Hidden Series* by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*The Crossover* by Alexander Kwame  
*Kingdom Keepers (Disney Series)* by Ridley Pearson  
*School of Fear (series)* by Gitty Daneshvari  
*The Classy Crooks Club* by Alison Cherry  
*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt  
*Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton  
*Knots in my Yo-Yo String* by Jerry Spinelli  
*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck  
*Bouncing Back* by Scott Ostler  
*The Janitors Series* by Tyler Whitesides  
*The Greenglass House* by Kate Milford  
*Al Capone Shines Does My Shirts* by Gennefer Chodenko

### **If you are looking to challenge yourself this summer try:**

*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins  
*Emma* by Jane Austen  
*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs  
*The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway  
*October Sky* by Homer Hickum  
*The Making of a Navy Seal* by Brandon Webb  
*The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger  
*Guts* by Gary Paulsen  
*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer