

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Discussion questions written by Mrs. Rowsell's sixth-grade language arts class from Drane Intermediate School, Corsicana, TX

1. The story opens with Melody being frustrated because she does not “fit in” with the rest of the world. How is her world different from that of the people around her?
2. Both of Melody’s parents love her very much. However, they show their love in very different ways. Identify three different ways each parent shows their love to her.
3. Why is Mrs. V’s character such a positive role model for us all?
4. When Melody takes her friend Rose with her to the aquarium, she is very excited about the fun they are going to have. What does Rose learn about friendship at the aquarium?
5. How is Melody’s life changed by a computer?
6. What does Melody learn about friendship and the relationships of children working together as she practices and competes with the quiz team? What does she learn about herself?
7. How do the events at the restaurant after the quiz competition foreshadow the events that lead up to the problem at the airport?
8. Melody went through an extreme range of emotions when she was trying to tell her mother that Penny was behind the car. Describe those emotions and tell how it made you feel when you were reading that part of the story.
9. How would this story have been different had been written in a different point of view?
10. If you could change one thing about the story, what would you change and why?

