

Grade 6 Summer 2016 Reading Assignment

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Please complete the following questions. Please remember to write in complete sentences. The answers should be typed in this format: 12 point font, Times New Roman and double-spaced and, the answers are due on, **Friday, September 2, 2016.**

1. What do the speaker's parents make an effort to do from the time the speaker is a baby?
2. Who is telling the story? Describe her.
3. Describe the difference in the way Melody's parents talk to her.
4. Why do you think Melody's dad says that if he could, he would trade places with Melody?
5. Describe one of Melody's "tornado explosions."
6. Describe the program that Melody is a part of.
7. Give a brief description of each of the students in Melody's class.
8. Describe Melody and Mrs. V's relationship.
9. What did Melody receive on her 8th birthday?
10. Describe the relationship Melody and Butterscotch have with each other.
11. How does Melody's life change when she is eight years old?
12. How do you think Melody feels, watching Penny learn to walk?
13. Even though Melody can't talk, how is she able to let her mom know what she needs?
14. Melody's school stated inclusion classes. What does that mean for Melody?
15. Describe Molly and Claire.
16. Why do you think Melody chooses to do her biography report on Stephen Hawking?
17. What is Melody finally able to say to her parents now that she has the Medi Talker?
18. Explain why Melody says that for the first time in her life, she feels like part of a group.
19. If you were Melody, what are some of the first things you would say to your teachers and classmates?
20. What is your reaction to how Mr. D treats Melody?
21. If you were part of the Whiz Kid Team, would you stick up for Melody when Claire makes rude comments about Melody, or would you just ignore her?
22. Put yourself in Melody's shoes, what feelings and emotions would be going through your head as you prepare to begin the competition?
23. Do you think the feelings and opinions of the other team's members have changed about Melody? How do they treat her?
24. Describe Melody's feelings and emotions when she gets home from the airport.
25. What do you think Mr. Dimmings said to Melody's mom on the phone?
26. Describe Melody's extreme reaction as she tries to tell her mother that Penny is behind the car. How did this scene make you feel?
27. What news does Melody find out at the end of the book?