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Assignment → C.E.C. Paragraph
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TITLE → **Claire in Out of My Mind – BFF or Opportunist?**

CLAIM → Melody and her teammates win the Whiz Kid Championship. While the competition played out as a suspenseful event in Chapters 24 and 25, it was not the most surprising. It was Claire who shocked Melody and caused confusion for both Connor and Rose (227). **Claire, in this instant, seems to be a hypocrite and an outright liar.** Before winning and being interviewed, Claire was one to make fun of Melody and make rude comments about her, or completely ignore her all together. Just before the competition she **EVIDENCE** → whispered to Molly just loud enough for Melody to hear, **“You know, it really ought to be you up there instead of Melody,”** (204). However, during the interview with the television **COMMENTARY** → reporter, Claire claims to be one of Melody’s best friends. She interrupts Melody’s turn for being interview with **“I talk to her all the time,”** and tells the reporter, **“She and I eat lunch together every day and test each other on questions for the quiz team”** (227).

- Claim + Evidence + Commentary (C.E.C.)
- 1) **CLAIM.** Begin by making a claim (assertion, topic sentence, main idea).
 - 2) **EVIDENCE.** Provide textual evidence (and page #s) to support your claim.
 - 3) **COMMENTARY.** *Explain* how your evidence supports your claim. Provide reasons, details, and examples so the reader can fully understand your claim and why it matters.
 - 4) **WORK CITED.** Use MLA Style to cite your source, the text you are writing about.

Work Cited

Draper, Sharon. Out of my Mind. New York: Antheum. 2010. Print. ← **MEDIUM**
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