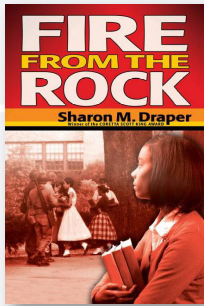




Contest!

Win a visit for your class with author Sharon M. Draper!
Win a bagel breakfast for your whole school!



"We cannot embrace our future without giving honor to our past."

Those were author Sharon M. Draper's words when someone asked her what inspired her to write *Fire from the Rock*, about the 1957 integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Honor the past

The events of *Fire from the Rock* were once daily news, not history!

Work with your **whole class** to create a **newspaper page** or
a **news video** about the events in Little Rock in 1957.

Newspaper

- Use your real school paper or make one up.
- Decide whether your newspaper dates from 1957 or 2009.
- Create 3 newspaper pages:
 - Front page (news)
 - Features page (interviews, community life)
 - Editorial page (opinion, pro or con)
- Articles can be about real people and events or the characters and story of *Fire from the Rock*, as long as they honor this historic moment.
- Submit 2 printed copies of your entry, any size.

News video

- If your school has video equipment, create a piece no more than 10 minutes long.
- Decide whether your report dates from 1957 or 2009.
- Create 3 video segments:
 - News report
 - Feature (interviews, community life)
 - Opinion piece (pro or con)
- The segments can be about real people and events or the characters and story of *Fire from the Rock*, as long as they honor this historic moment.
- Submit 2 copies of your entry on DVD.

The contest is open to classes in Hamilton County schools, grades 7–10. Entries will be judged on originality, design and execution, and how well they honor the theme.

The winning school will be treated to a bagel breakfast by Panera Bread. The winning class also gets a class set of *Fire from the Rock* and a visit from Sharon M. Draper on either March 12 or 13.

Please submit your class entry with this form to your local Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County branch by **February 13**. The entry must be the original work of the students in the class.

School: _____ Teacher's name: _____

Grade: _____ Contact phone number: _____



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