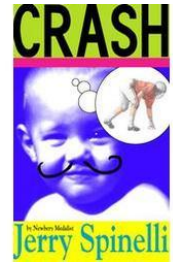




5th Grade Summer Reading



Comprehension Activity

Whether you chose to read Loser or Crash, one thing is for sure...both novels have very interesting main characters.

After you have completed your reading, take a few minutes to think about the main character in your book (either Donald Zinkoff or Crash Coogan). Think about what kind of person they are based on their actions, the conversations they have with others and what other characters say about them. What kinds of words would you use to describe them?

Below, list 3 character traits that you could use to describe the main character and an example from the story that led you to your thinking. **You will use this sheet to help write your final paragraph and your visual representation.**

Main Character: _____

Character Trait #1: _____

Example from story: _____

Character Trait #2: _____

Example from story: _____

Character Trait #3: _____

Example from story: _____

You will be turning in a visual representation and a paragraph about the character to your fifth grade teacher. This will be your first reading grade and your best work is expected. It is due on your first day of school.

Visual Representation:

What do you think this character looks like? Create a visual presentation of what you think this character looks like. You could choose to do this many different ways. Here are some suggestions:

- n You could draw your character on a piece of poster board or construction paper.
- n You could create your character on a computer program such as, Microsoft Paint.
- n You could make a 3-dimensional model using items you could find at home.
- n You could use clay or paint.
- n You could dress up a doll that you have that reminds you of your character
- n Any other ideas that you may have...**BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN!!!**

Written Paragraph:

Write a paragraph explaining the main character traits and whether the character would be a good friend or not. You must write in complete sentences and you must use examples from the text as well as explain all your thoughts.

Attached is the rubric that your project will be graded with. Please make sure that you check over the rubric to make sure you are meeting all of the expectations of this assignment.