



# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ELA SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Jerry Spinelli's "Crash" novel takes place over the course of John "Crash" Coogan's seventh grade year with brief glimpses of his life when he was younger. During his seventh grade year, John is forced to confront his changing stances on violence, aggression, and bullying.

**Option A:** Write a book review. Do you recommend this book to other readers? Why or why not? What did you like about this book? What did you dislike about this book? (Check newspapers, in print or online, and magazines like Time for examples of book reviews.)

**Option B:** Do some creative writing. Your creative work can be anything that relates to the book: a song, a poem, a short story, a play, a film, or any combination of genres. You can re-write a scene from the perspective of another character. You could re-imagine the plot in a different setting. You could re-write the ending. You could write a poem that deals with a theme or a character in the book. Whatever kind of text you write, include an explanation that links your creative work back to the book you read. Explain how your work is related to the author's work.

**Option C:** Write a letter to the author about the book. The content of the letter is up to you. You can talk about your favorite parts of the book. You can ask the author how he came up with the idea for the book or why she chose to develop the plot or characters or theme in a certain way. You can explain ways you think the book relates to your own life, or you can make connections between the book and the real world.

**\*ALL WORK MUST BE TYPED, SIZE 12 TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT.  
HAND WRITTEN WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED\***

**\*THIS WILL COUNT AS YOUR FIRST MAJOR GRADE FOR 7<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE ELA AND WILL BE COLLECTED ON THE FIRST DAY  
OF SCHOOL!\***

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