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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Crash

Author:

Jerry Spinelli

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

What differences between Crash and Penn Webb have you noticed so far? Explain how one difference affects the way Crash sees Penn.

Example answer: I notice that Crash likes to seem tough, while Penn is friendly and does not try to act tough. Penn wants to make friends with Crash. Crash treats Penn's friendliness as a reason to look down on him. I think this shows that Crash does not yet understand Penn very well.

How to Answer (continued)

Would you want Penn Webb as a friend, based on what you know so far? Explain your answer using details from the story.

Example answer: I would want Penn as a friend because he tries to be friendly to Crash. He does not seem to think that everyone has to be just like him. I would rather have a friend who is kind than one who is always trying to prove he is better than other people. Penn's friendly behavior matters more to me than whether Crash thinks he is cool.

What does Crash's nickname make you expect about him? Explain how his behavior so far fits or challenges that expectation.

Example answer: The nickname Crash makes me expect someone who is rough and full of energy. His interest in football fits that idea because football is a physical sport. His way of pushing other people around also fits the nickname, but it makes me uncomfortable. I think there is a difference between playing hard in a game and being mean to someone.

Chapter 1

What have you learned about John Coogan, who is called Crash, so far? Choose two details that help explain what he is like.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

How has your understanding of Crash changed since you began reading? Describe what you thought at first and what you think now.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How would you describe Crash's neighborhood or school using the details you have read? Explain how that setting affects his experiences.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

What differences between Crash and Penn Webb have you noticed so far? Explain how one difference affects the way Crash sees Penn.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

If you were part of Crash's school or neighborhood, which action you have read about would you want to encourage or stop? Explain why.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

Choose a sentence from your latest chapter that helps you hear, see, or feel something. Explain how its language brings Crash's story to life.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Based on Crash's latest actions, what do you predict he will do next? Use a clue from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which word or phrase in your latest chapter helps you picture Crash's world? Explain what it means and why it works well.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

What small detail from your latest chapter might become important later? Explain your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

How does the story so far help you tell the difference between strength and kindness? Use a character's behavior to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What do you think of the way Crash treats other people in the pages you have read? Support your opinion with one example.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Retell the most important event in your latest chapter. Why does it matter to Crash's story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

What can you tell about Penn's values from what you have read? Explain which words or actions helped you decide.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

What does Crash's nickname make you expect about him? Explain how his behavior so far fits or challenges that expectation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does Crash seem to want most at this point? Explain how his words or actions show that goal.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Where have you noticed kindness, or a lack of kindness, in the story so far? Describe what that moment teaches you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

Which character's point of view would you most like to hear besides Crash's? Explain what that person might help you understand.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

Find a word or phrase that sounds like something Crash would say. What does it show about his voice or attitude?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

What might Penn think about Crash, based on what you know of them so far? Explain the clues behind your prediction.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Find a word in your latest chapter that you do not often use. How do the nearby sentences help you figure out its meaning?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

What do you expect will happen if Crash keeps acting the way he does now? Explain a possible result and the clues that support it.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

Where do you see pressure to fit in or be popular in the story so far? Explain how a character responds to that pressure.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

If you could give Crash advice about something he has done so far, what would you say? Explain why that advice could help.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Which detail in your latest chapter seems especially important to remember? Explain its connection to a character or problem in Crash.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How might another character describe Crash differently from the way Crash describes himself? Use evidence from the pages you have read.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

What new information did your latest chapter give you about Crash's life? Explain how it adds to what you already knew.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does Crash explain or excuse his own behavior so far? Tell whether his explanation helps you understand him.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What has the story suggested about being different from other people? Use something you have learned about Crash or Penn.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

Which moment in your reading made you feel most strongly about Crash or Penn? Explain what you felt and what caused that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

Look for a word with more than one possible meaning in your latest chapter. Explain which meaning fits the sentence and how you know.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Which relationship in Crash seems most likely to change next? Explain what makes you think so.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Choose a line of dialogue from your latest chapter. What does the speaker's choice of words reveal about that person?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What could make Crash rethink an opinion he has now? Predict a possibility without assuming that it will happen.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What does the story suggest about respect at this point? Explain how a character earns, shows, or fails to show respect.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Would you want Penn Webb as a friend, based on what you know so far? Explain your answer using details from the story.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What problem is Crash facing right now, and what has he done about it? If he does not notice the problem, explain what you notice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

How does Crash react when someone acts differently from what he expects? Use a moment from the story so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

What caused the main event in your latest chapter, and what happened because of it? Explain the chain of events.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

When has Crash seemed sure of himself, unsure of himself, or both? Explain what his behavior shows.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

How important does winning or being the best seem to Crash so far? Explain what the story suggests about that attitude.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

How fair is Crash's judgment of another character at this point? Explain what you would keep or change about his judgment.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

Choose a description in your latest chapter that creates a clear feeling, such as excitement, worry, or sadness. Which words create that feeling?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What question about Crash or Penn do you hope the next chapter will answer? Explain why it interests you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

Find a strong action word in your latest chapter.
How does that word help you imagine what is happening?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

If Crash faces a similar problem again, do you think he will make the same choice? Explain your prediction using what you know so far.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

What have you learned about friendship from the story so far? Explain whether the characters are showing a helpful or harmful kind of friendship.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

Which choice in the story so far do you agree or disagree with most? Explain your reasons.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How does your latest chapter connect to something you read earlier in Crash? Describe the connection and why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What does Crash notice about other people, and what might he overlook? Support your answer with a detail from your reading.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
