

## Summer Reading – Pioneer Valley Christian School 2009

**Entering Grade/Course:** Grade 7/Reading

**Book/Author:** *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli and *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi.

**Required to purchase?** No, but it is highly recommended. It is always helpful for students to be able to make notes in the books they are reading. Students must have the books in class for the first three weeks of school. Both books are available at local bookstores.

### Requirements

1. Read *Crash* in its entirety.
2. Keep a **reader's journal** with entries for each of the following sections of the book:
  - a. Chapters 1-8
  - b. Chapters 9-17
  - c. Chapters 18-21
  - d. Chapters 22-31
  - e. Chapters 32-37
  - f. Chapters 38-43
  - g. Chapters 44-49

**Your entries should respond to the following broad questions:**

1. How does Crash treat Penn Webb?
2. More importantly, why does he treat him that way?
3. How does Crash change over the course of the story?
4. How do other people respond to the bullying?

You should have seven journal entries. Each one should be at least one paragraph in length (4-6 sentences). Do NOT give chapter summaries. Be sure to write about Crash and his relationship with Penn Webb; look for the “why” questions.

### Evaluation

1. Notes/journal: *Crash* – 20 points
2. Test on plot, characters, and setting – 40 points
3. Essay – 40 points

### Requirements

1. **Read *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* in its entirety.**
2. This book explores the issues of friendship and loyalty in the midst of adventure, danger, and murder on the high seas. You are to read the entire book and ***take notes (not paragraphs!) to prepare for the essay you will write the first week of school.*** The essay topic is **“How did the negative experiences in Charlotte’s life make her stronger?”**

Take notes by making a list of the negative experiences, how they changed Charlotte, and how they made her stronger. Pay close attention to Charlotte’s appearance and behavior in the beginning of the book. Note how negative experiences make her stronger in character as well as in physical ability.

### Evaluation

1. Notes: *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* – 20 points
2. Test on plot, characters, and setting of each book – 40 points
3. Essay – 40 points

**Late enrollees (those with admissions meetings after Wednesday, August 12, 2009):**

Only *Crash* must be read in order to be prepared for first quarter material and needs to be completed by the second week of school.