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Fair or Not?



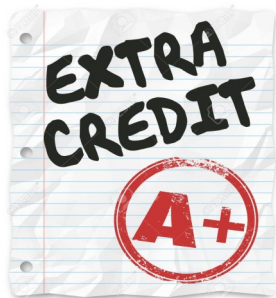
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Should teachers be allowed to give extra credit out to students?

Is it fair or not? There are two sides to this that are not only both clear but also very logical.

There's one side that says that it isn't fair; students are getting a free pass to good grades without truly earning them the first time.

On the contrary the other side of the topic says that it is completely fair, kids are getting a chance to up their grade by working harder on extra work.



Read on to learn more and choose your opinion on this ongoing debate, is extra credit fair or not!

Extra credit shouldn't be given because it is unfair. First of all, this gives students a chance to change and get a grade they didn't deserve. For example, if a student has been getting bad grades all quarter only to do one extra credit assignment and get a much higher grade than the one they were going to receive first.

Not only that but students knowing they will have a safety net from the extra credit they do might use that as an excuse to not study or slack off. This is also unfair because they might even get a higher grade than someone who has been working way harder and studying in larger amounts.

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New York State's Renaissance Fair



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The Renaissance Fair of Tuxedo, New York is a fair that brings back the Medieval Times. The fair is filled with excitement and joy! From small kids to adults dressed up as they where back in the Medieval Times, this fair is for everyone!

The Renaissance Fair has been going on since 1977. However the Renaissance time was long ago. The Renaissance was a period where Queen Elizabeth I was alive.

The word "renaissance" means rebirth. This period of time is called Renaissance because in that time people started to have an interest of the ancient times. The Renaissance was very important as it put down a foundation for the age of exploration and soon to be European global domination. Now for the fair! There're so many things to do. But here are some of my favorites:

Jousting. Jousting is a martial art. The activity takes place on a horse. The arena

that you would play in is called "tilting". The idea of jousting is where 2 knights would charge at each other and try to knock each other off their horse using a stick called a lance. They Jousted back in the medieval times because it was a major event at a tournament and was a chance for knights to show their skill in combat.



Acrobatrix.

This show is ABSOLUTELY amazing! However, nothing about this is medieval. But nothing will change how talented these two people are. You are probably wondering what I am talking about.

This show is a comedy filled circus spectacular. By the end of the show, not only will your mouth be left wide open, you'll be in amazement how much trust these people have between each other.

Cirque Du Sewer.

The name sounds nothing like what the actual show is. This show consists of a cat, a rat and an acrobat. There's not too much to explain about this show, you just have to go see it. But it is extraordinary.

Those are just three of many amazing shows you could see if you visited the Renaissance Fair. That's not all for you to do. The grounds are filled with 100's of booths of things to buy and do!

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Struggling Jets Lose Starting QB to Mono



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New York Jets

doctors expect star quarterback Sam Darnold to be back by week 5 to play the Dallas Cowboys.

They, however, cannot rush this as he suffers from "Mononucleosis" and if his spleen is still enlarged and he takes a hit, an injury like that can be fatal.

The New York Jets are suffering from many other injuries also, including Quincey



Enunwa(neck), Quinnen Williams (Ankle), and CJ Mosley (Groin),

Even backup quarterback Trevor Siemian suffered a horrifying ankle injury this Monday night versus the Browns (23-3 Jets loss). All but Siemian will return soon and hopefully save the team's season.

The Jets also picked up wide receiver Demaryius Thomas who also suffered a calf injury and was placed on the IR.

As players return the New York Jets will hopefully try and save their season

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Furthermore, some extra credit assignments might be able to be achieved very easily and won't be enough extra work done for the students to earn a better grade.

Moreover, this all shows that extra credit isn't fair and allows students to get good grades by doing less work.

Teachers who give extra credit as an option are being extremely fair. For example, a bad student if given the option of doing an extra credit assignment would probably not take the offer due to the extra, hard work. Which shows that the students doing extra credit are just trying to get a better grade even if it means taking time to complete an assignment not required. Also, extra credit might be really helpful to a regularly good student that knows all the material on a test but just isn't good at taking tests when its time or is just having a bad day. Not only that, but extra credit

can actually be used in a helpful way that increases and deepens students understanding of a certain subject they are learning about. This is because while trying to complete the work, they will have to learn more about what it is the extra credit is about whether its about the Revolutionary War, Weather, or solving extra math problems! Basically, extra credit is a good idea because if a student doesn't understand the concept the first time, it offers a second chance to master the material while getting a better grade then before.

In conclusion, I think that extra credit should be allowed and is fair because even though that it is true and most students do it to get a higher grade. Those students do extra work then they should to achieve that. Is it really horrible to want to do better on an assignment and test? And make that become a reality by taking extra credit given and working hard to get a superior grade. What do you think, is extra credit fair or not?

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Some of these include, a belt maker, many armor and weaponry stores (a lot for younger kids), and clothing and costumes. You could even rent a costume for the day. Other booths sell dolls and puppets, footwear, games and toys, glass and pottery. There is also so much hair and body art, plus, so so much more.

Now for food. There's such a big assortment of food to eat that by the end of the day, you would've eaten so much that you might feel like you gained a couple of pounds! This is only a fraction of the food you could eat.: turkey legs, cinnamon roasted nuts, frozen bananas, mac and Cheese, chili, soup, plus, so much more.

Now that learned so much about the Renaissance Fair, what are you waiting for? Why you don't go buy your tickets?

The Renaissance fair is open until October 6th. Saturday and Sunday. 10 AM until 7 PM. To learn more about the Renaissance fair, visit: <http://renfair.com/>

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How to Survive 7th Grade

Navigating a New World

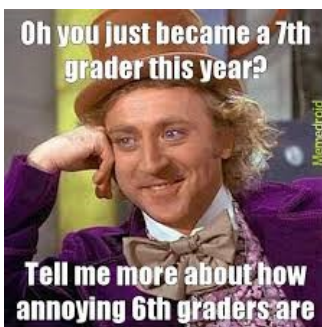


**By Emma Barton
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Welcome to your one and only free guide to surviving the fierce ways of the 7th grade. Now, I only know so much, so I can't tell you everything. If I did say everything, I wouldn't have been being honest, because I don't know everything. That bit is up to you to find out.

First off, on the first day, try your best not to be late. Some teachers you may even already know, so it really shouldn't be too hard to get to your classes, and I mean, first impressions go a long way. Your teachers will most likely be happy with you as a student if you are on time, and if you're late, at least try to look like you were trying to get there as fast as you could.

Now, as you all probably know, we have a pretty late lunch, so you'll probably want to have



some type of snack in your locker to hold you over till 6th period, whether it's a drink like a Gatorade or Snapple (don't bring this stuff to class unless you teachers say you can otherwise you will have to throw it out) or a snack like a bag of Cheezits or fruit snacks or Goldfish crackers..

Make sure you don't bring nuts; kids who are allergic may react and you could get in trouble. You'll probably want to have it in like a Zip-lock because if you're making too much noise, you will probably have to throw it away or stop eating. Even just some gum can help last you over until lunch.

Now, I am a new 7th grader, so don't expect me to know everything just yet. Also, always take notes when you can. They're great for studying and can really help you in a tough situation. I hope these small tips help future seventh graders or even new ones!

30 NBA Teams, 30 NBA Offseason Moves: Part 1



**By Benji Cutler
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With the 2019-2020 NBA season coming up this October 22, the signings, draft picks and trades that happened in the offseason this summer have been crazy! Today, I'm going to tell you the best offseason move from every NBA team in the Eastern Conference.

Atlanta Hawks: Trading up for better draft picks and drafting Cam Reddish at number 10 and De'Andre Hunter at 4.

Boston Celtics: Even though they lost Kyrie Irving and Al Horford, they picked up Kemba Walker and Enes Kanter to keep them in the conversation for Eastern Conference champion.

Brooklyn Nets: After losing in the first round of the 2019 Playoffs as the 6 seed, they managed to have enough cap room for Kyrie Irving and Kevin Durant! They also picked up a good starting center in De'Andre Jordan, looking



to be a championship contender once KD is healthy. Charlotte Hornets: Losing their star player, Kemba Walker, they sign a good point guard, Terry Rozier. However, they

still won't be a good team if nothing surprising happens.

Chicago Bulls: Being at the bottom of the East last season, they picked up a nice point guard, Coby White, with the 7th overall pick.

Cleveland Cavaliers: As my favorite team, the Cavs went crazy on the draft picks, drafting Darius Garland at the 5th pick, Dylan Windler at the 26th, and Kevin Porter Jr. At 30th. All 3 of them should help the Cavs get more wins this season.

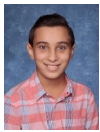
Detroit Pistons: With Blake Griffin and Andre Drummond as your frontcourt, you don't need anything else there. But what they did need was a solid point guard. What better solid point guard than former MVP Derrick Rose?

Indiana Pacers: With Victor Oladipo coming back from his injury this year, and with the stunning amount of success they had last years, the Pacers only needed a couple more solid pieces to get them in the top 4 of the East. They signed Malcom Brogdon and Jeremy Lamb, two helpful players for a contending team.



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J. Cole, Kendrick Lamar Reunite on “Under the Sun”



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Kendrick Lamar made a surprise appearance alongside J. Cole on “Under the Sun.” The

opening track from *Revenge of the Dreamers III* – released by Cole’s Dreamville Label—also features Lute and DaBaby. Lamar isn’t officially listed as a feature on the song, but his uncredited vocals can be heard on the chorus, with these words to share:

“I woke for some money, ayy, lil’ [expletive] / Too many opps in here, tell me who you with, ayy”

“Under the Sun” is the first song K-Dot and Cole have been on since Jeezy’s “American Dream” in 2017, although the last song with just the two is the infamous “Black Friday.” During a New Year’s Eve broadcast last year, the TDE-affiliated Mack-Wop spoke about bring Lamar and Cole together for more songs. “If we being honest, I think I’m gonna be the one that can make it happen,” he



said. “I’m gonna get K-Dot on the line, I’m gonna get Top on the phone. I’m gonna be like, ‘Yo we gotta get those records out, the people need them.’”

Rumors have been swirling about a collaborative album between the two rappers since 2010. However, Cole said the release wasn’t “actively happening” in a 2018 interview with Angie Martinez.

The duo previously appeared together on several tracks, including Trae tha Truth’s “I’m on 2.0,” DJ Khaled’s “They Ready,” and Cole’s “Forbidden Fruit.” *Revenge of the Dreamers III* is packed with a guest list of names both big and small, including Young Nudy, T.I., and Vince Staples. Cole took to Twitter ahead of the release to encourage listeners to check out the up-and-comers. “Know that this album represents community and the unheard unsung artist that fight and bleed daily to be felt,” he wrote. “There will be someone you never heard of on this album. Look them up and support them if they resonate with you. A follow goes a long way.”

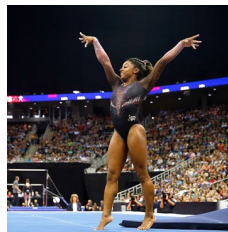
Biles Continues to Make Gymnastics History



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Once again, she makes history. Vault, bars, beam, and floor, which one will be the lucky score? It’s Simone Biles with the world’s hardest move. She became the first woman to ever compete the triple double on floor, meaning a double backflip with three twists.

Until this point this skill had only been



done by men, where it is still rare. Her competitors can barely do a double double. Biles also became the first woman to do a double double off the beam, meaning a double backflip with two twists off a narrow balance beam.

Simone Biles did say that these skills were hard, but that doesn’t stop her from doing anything. She had also won the U.S. all-around title, making this the sixth time she’s been given the award.

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Miami Heat: Coming out of nowhere, the Heat surprisingly signed Jimmy Butler to make them probable playoff contenders this season.

Milwaukee Bucks: Coming out of having the best record in the league with 60 wins, and MVP Giannis last season, they didn’t need to make many changes this offseason. The main thing they did was sign Wesley Matthews after losing a good piece of the team, Malcolm Brogdon.

New York Knicks: With missing out on signing Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving, they only draft RJ Barrett with the 3rd pick, Julius Randle, and a lot more average players. Much worse than Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving!

Orlando Magic: The Magic had a very light offseason, signing Al Farouq-Aminu as their main



signing. But keeping their best player, Nikola Vucevic, was very important for the next couple years.

Philadelphia 76ers: The 76ers signed many good players, but the 2 main signings were Josh Richardson and Al Horford, two very helpful players.

Toronto Raptors: After winning the 2019 championship, they expectedly lost their star player Kawhi Leonard, and didn’t have much to solve it, except for signing Rondae Hollis-Jefferson and Stanley Johnson.

Washington Wizards: Having an injured John Wall, the Wizards picked up Isaiah Thomas and Ish Smith to replace. With the 9th pick in the draft, they picked up Rui Hachimura from Japan.

Thank you for reading all the way through my article, and next week I will do the same thing I just did, but with the 15 teams in the Western Conference.