

***Loser* Essay**

Choose one of the following questions to answer in an essay. Use complete sentences and answer all parts of the question. Explain your answers! Use examples from *Loser* to support your answer. This should be at least a page long.

1. After Zinkoff writes Hector Binns' name as his best friend, how does Zinkoff try to make it true? Why doesn't it work? Compare their friendship to Zinkoff's relationship with Andrew Orwell and Claudia.
2. Why do you think Jerry Spinelli wrote a story about a "loser?" How do you think the author feels about losing? Do you think that the 'winners' in the book are always the best?