



How are Athletes Victims of Discrimination?

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Introduction

How are athletes victims of discrimination? In this writing prompt, students will write an essay explaining if they think athletes are victims of discrimination, as well as if they think athletes differ from others who are discriminated against based on religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or gender.

Learning Objectives

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.2](#). Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

Materials Needed

- Paper, pen

Procedure

1. Discrimination is the unfair treatment of people in a specific group based on stereotypical assumptions about the people in that particular group. There is a lot of discrimination in this world, but are athletes among those that are discriminated against?
2. In an essay, describe if you think athletes are victims of discrimination. If you think they are, how so? If not, why? Also answer the question: "How do you think discrimination against athletes differs from discrimination against others because of sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, or gender?" Support your argument with evidence from research.

Evaluation

Students will be assessed on how well they followed the guidelines for the writing prompt. Essays should have the following components:

- Introduction with a thesis statement (answer the why? or why not? question)
- Three supporting paragraphs that include facts and information collected during research
- Conclusion
- Well organized, good flow, and free of grammatical and spelling errors