

Homework #10

READ the following 2 articles on the theme of the role of sports in our educational system:

- Amanda Ripley’s “The Case Against High School Sports,” from the current issue of *The Atlantic* magazine. Ripley is a scholar and author who writes on education subjects
- Laura Pappano’s investigative report, “How Big-Time Sports Ate College Life.” Pappano is a journalist who writes about education and social issues.

As you read, note the main issues the writers raise, and also note what they leaves us with—the articles doesn’t have a “Conclusion” as such, but it leaves us with an impression of how things are going or how things might change.

Also note questions the articles raises for you.

Keep in mind: These articles include facts and statistics, as they should; but they are fundamentally concerned with *values*—especially what universities value, and what we as citizens value. Some of these values may compete with each other. So think about the way the problems Pappano and Ripley outline reflect values, and think about what *you* value re: sports in higher education.

LOOKING AHEAD: Start thinking about Essay 2.

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