

Homework #11

READ: The *New Yorker* article by Malcolm Gladwell, “Offensive Play,” about the prevalence and consequences of concussion in football,

FOR CLASS DISCUSSION: We’ll spend most of our class time discussing “Offensive Play.” In particular, I want you to think of this essay/article as a model for your investigative paper. So be prepared to discuss the way this essay is structured: What is the argument Gladwell is making? How does he shape his investigation? What appeals to logos and pathos does he make? What kinds of evidence does he use? How does he conclude?

We’ll also take some time to discuss your thoughts on this article and on the issue of concussion in football at the pro and school levels.

WRITE: A brief summary of “Offensive Play.” This should be no longer than 1 page double-spaced, 1-2 ¶s. It should be objective—no commentary—and represent Gladwell’s main concerns, using his “key terms.”

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