

**Assignment #9**

READ the following two articles on the issue of doping in sports:

- “a Massive Fraud Now More Fully Exposed,” by *Sports Illustrated*’s Alex Wolff and David Epstein. As you will see, this 2012 article takes quotes from champion cyclist Lance Armstrong’s memoir, and other public statements, and compares them with what is now known about his use of drugs before and during competition.
- “Mudville,” a 2008 essay by Lewis Lapham, who writes for *Harper*’s magazine. Lapham’s tone is key to this essay, so take some time to read carefully.

As you read, underline points that seem strong to you, be they evidence or argument, regardless of whether or not you agree with them.

FOR CLASS DISCUSSION: Building on our discussion of character in sports, we will take up the issue of doping in its various forms, in various sports. We’ll discuss in small groups and as a whole class. Think of the homework and class discussion as potential preparation for Essay 2.

ALSO:

***Proposals for Essay 2 are due on by Session 10***

- First, READ the assignment for Essay 2, posted as Session 12 Assignment.
- You may also want to quickly look at our next readings, to get a feel for them.
- Then, WRITE a proposal and email it to me.
- INCLUDE which option you choose, what you think intend to write about, and why. Proposals should be 1 (medium-sized, double-spaced) paragraph. I’ll return your proposals with feedback in class.

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