

Appendix 9.1. Sports Essays

The beginning of the lesson asks students to read a variety of argumentative essays about sports. Here are several I have used with success. One or two are news articles, but most are opinion pieces.

- [“Man and Superman” by Malcolm Gladwell](#)
- [“Have Sports Teams Brought Down America’s School?” by Elizabeth Kolbert](#)
- [“College Athletes of the World, Unite” by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar](#)
- [“Concussions Continuing to Plague High School Football Players, Families” by Keith Dunlap](#)
- [“Would You Play Basketball Here?” by Jordan G. Teicher](#)
- [“If It Happened There: In Brutal Contest of Strength and Strategy, a Culture Is Revealed” by Joshua Keating](#)
- [“The NFL Team That Banned Dancing” by Kevin Clark](#)
- [“Father and His Disabled Son Create a Bond through Racing” by Sports Illustrated staff](#)
- Episodes of [Outside the Lines](#)
- Episodes of [Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel](#)