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