

### My Relationship with Sports Project—Part 1

Most if not all of us in this room have a passion for at least one sport—as a player, or an athlete, or both.

Sports are literal events that happen on a field or in a stadium, but so often the *literal* becomes something more for us—something *metaphorical*. Oftentimes, something magical as well.

In multiple drafts, compose a narrative about your relationship with sports; help the reader understand the value of sports in your life as a person, student, citizen of the world, and possibly as a future professional.

- When did you fall in love with a sport(s)? Tell *that* story.
- What are some of your favorite sporting memories and why?
- Could your involvement or passion for a sport(s) lead to your future working life? Why?
- What is it about sports that helps shape your identity? Your work ethic? Your moral compass or values? Explain in detail.
- Why are sports more than just a game for you?
- What have been some of your biggest moments playing or appreciating sports over the years? Think successes, challenges, and heartbreak.

The questions about are NOT boxes for you to check off in your essay, but possible launching pads for your narrative.

Essays should have an introduction with a governing thesis, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

Essay should be between 1000-1250 words in length and be “publishable” upon submission.

#### Rubric

On time; carefully proofread and edited\_\_\_\_\_2

Multiple drafts and meets word count/workshop presence\_\_\_\_\_2

Clear introduction with thesis\_\_\_\_\_2

Body paragraphs develop ideas with rich details; focused topic sentences\_\_\_\_\_3

Conclusion that leaves a lasting image or idea in the reader’s mind\_\_\_\_\_1

(Remember, any and all AI use is strictly prohibited—write like a human)