

WRITE ABOUT WHY SPORTS MATTER



Follow the steps to focus your thoughts and knock your essay out of the park!

1 Pick a Prompt

Persuade a reader why sports matter by explaining:

- ☐ **A:** How has sports positively impacted you or someone important to you?
- ☐ **B:** How has someone in the world of sports inspired you?

2 Narrow Down Your Topic

Flip this page over and jot down a few ideas. Put a star next to your favorite one.

3 Plan

List the ideas or events that affected you. What did you think or feel? Connect this to a persuasive explanation of why sports matter.

4 Craft Your Essay

Write your first draft on a separate sheet. Ask a classmate for feedback, then revise!

Staple this sheet to your final essay, then give it to your teacher to enter in the Sports Matter Essay Contest! Fill out the following information.

Contact Information

YOUR NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

TEACHER NAME: _____ TEACHER EMAIL: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Name _____

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STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST



Use the criteria below to help guide you as you write your essay. The contest judges will use these criteria to pick the winning essays. Your teacher may also use this sheet to grade your work.

CRITERIA	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS EARNED
1 TOPIC Essay shows why sports matter, focusing on either the positive impact of sports or an inspiring person from the sports world.	10	
2 CLAIMS Persuasive claims about the essay topic are clear and powerful. Claims are supported with reasons and/or evidence.	10	
3 ORGANIZATION Ideas are organized in a clear, logical way.	10	
4 CONCLUSION Essay includes a persuasive conclusion that wraps up the ideas presented in previous paragraphs.	10	
5 LANGUAGE Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar show careful editing.	10	
▶ TOTAL POINTS	50	