



The Battle of the Sports

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Introduction

Most people believe that their favorite sport is the best in the universe. Many students spend countless hours participating in afterschool sports teams where they compete to be the best. This prompt requires the students to write an argumentative essay, detailing to their audience why their sport is the best!

Learning Objectives

- [\(CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1\)](#) Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.
- [\(CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.6.1.b\)](#) Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.

Materials Needed

- Sticky notes

Procedure

Day 1

1. Open the lesson by sharing your favorite sport. Explain to the students why this is your favorite sport.
2. Have the students participate in a think-pair-share. The students should think about their favorite sport, then allow them to pair with another student and share their choice. During their share time, they should have evidence to support their stance.
3. Have the students use a Bubble Thinking Map to outline an argumentative paper about why their sport is the best.
4. Have the students take their Bubble Map and develop a rough draft of an essay that argues why their sport is the best. Remind the students of appropriate transitional words as well as having a developed beginning, middle, and end.

Day 2

1. Allow students an opportunity to complete their rough draft.
2. Have students choose a partner and peer edit each other's essay.

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3. The students should use the peer edits from their rough draft to develop a publishable final draft.
4. Have a publishing party where students' writing pieces are displayed and the students rotate around the room reading each other pieces. Provide the students with sticky notes so that they can leave positive celebratory comments on their classmates' writing.

Writing Prompt: Think about your favorite sport. Why is it your favorite? What makes it better than the others? Draft an argumentative essay in which you argue that your sport is the best. Make sure that you include ample evidence to support your argument.

Evaluation

Please see included [rubric](#) to grade student essays.