

Welcome to ESL904!

Sports Literature

During the summer read the following chapters out of the book, *Major Problems in American Sport History*, edited by Steven A. Riess.

*We will be using the articles and essays in the chapters to begin our discussion on race and sport the first week of school. Additionally, annotate your reading by following the enclosed instructions. **Moreover, you must answer the noted essay prompt and bring it with you on the first day of school.***

If you have any questions, please talk to either of us before you leave for the summer. Please make note of any question you have after summer break begins to address in class when you return in the fall.

We look forward to working with you during the upcoming school year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Caulfield and Mr. Brown

Annotation Instructions

For Any Article Are As Follows:

Use the following guidelines to help you annotate each article.

- Use any white space available -- the margins of the essay, inside cover, random blank pages, between or within lines. Do not be afraid to mark up the text; in fact, you must.
- Star, question mark, underline, or use other appropriate methods (boxes, triangles, clouds, circles, etc.) to identify important elements of the prose piece analyzed and make connections with lines and arrows.
- Do not use a highlighter. Instead, use pen or pencil to annotate the piece.
- The text (your copy) should show strong evidence (proof) that you did indeed read the entire piece.
- Annotation will slow your reading to an appropriate pace for maximum comprehension.

Do The Following To Annotate Your Texts:

- Make note of the speaker, audience and the subject (purpose) of each article or essay
- Write the definitions of words (in context) vital to an understanding of the piece.
--Remember, every word is capable of containing meaning.
- Mark passages causing confusion or passages you think you may be misinterpreting.
- Mark the central claim of the author (thesis) of the piece (main idea/purpose).
- Find and mark specific ideas (passages) related to the claim made by the author.
- Find and mark passages meaningful to you (personal).
- Include an explanation of the significance for any marked passage.

****ESSAY RESPONSE (REQUIRED FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL)****

When you have the annotations complete, answer the following prompt in essay format and bring the essay with you on the first day of school:

After looking back on your readings, detail the trials and tribulations of athletes in regard to race and ethnicity in sport during the early 20th century. Consider struggles athletes encountered, discrimination faced, how others tried to oppress during these times, and ultimately how the athletes persevered thus changing the landscape of American sports in the years to come. You must use evidence from the articles in your response and correct citations must be utilized.