



Social Studies Department Curriculum Guide

Sports and Society – Grade 12

Course Description
<p>This course will focus on the role and impact of sports in United States society. The curriculum will follow the high school, college, and professional season. Students will have opportunities to research personal passions. Students will be expected to follow current events and will be expected to participate in class discussions. Topics will include philosophy of youth and high school sports, role of parents and coaches, high school and college sports, Title IX, media influences, college graduation rates of scholarship athletics, globalization of professional sports, and current events.</p>
Content Standards
<p>In accordance with DESE standards, each term, Grade 12 students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions 2. Develop focused questions or problem statements and conduct inquiries 3. Organize information and data from multiple sources 4. Analyze the purpose and point of view of each source; distinguish opinion from fact 5. Evaluate the credibility, accuracy, and relevance of sources 6. Argue or explain conclusions, using valid reasoning and evidence 7. Determine next steps and take informed action, as appropriate
Leveling and Placement
<p>When determining placement in <i>Sports and Society</i> competency and ability in the following areas are considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis skills for reading and writing 2. Independent study 3. Class pace 4. Teacher recommendation 5. Sincere interest in sports <p>Study skills and habits recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close reading of sources 2. Annotate texts, primary and secondary sources for ease of analysis 3. Personal reflection writing assignments 4. Self-advocacy in seeking extra help from the teacher during office hours or during class time if unsure of assignment standards 5. Use of Grammarly or proofreading on formal written submissions



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Units	Essential Questions	Key Activities May Include
Youth Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the main goal of youth sports? How should adults facilitate to make this a positive experiences? What impact does youth sports have on personal development? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Sports Reflection Go Green Death email analysis Class discussion
High School Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the main goals of high sports? How do high school sports impact a school and community? What are the life lessons of high school sports? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIAA website analysis MIAA Play-off experiences Friday Night Lights Reflection Personal High School reflection Gerry Callahan Thanksgiving Article Analysis
College Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the main goals of college sport (FBS, March Madness, Frozen Four, College World Series)? How are the major college sports competitions embraced by our culture? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media analysis of college sports coverage College Football Top 10 March Madness / Frozen Four Analysis
Tom vs. Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What role does Tom Brady have New England, America, and the world? What separates Tom Brady from the everyone else? How do Tom Brady (and modern athletes) take ownership of their story? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing prompts for each episode. Class discussions / Reflection
My Senior & Personal Sports Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do sports impact our life? What role do sports and spectator sports impact your personal life? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My Senior Year Writing reflection Senior Interviews (Voice Typing)



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Super Bowl and New England Patriots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why is the Super Bowl the greatest sporting event in the World? ▪ What are your personal and family experiences with the Super Bowl? ▪ What is the aftermath of the Superbowl? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pepsi Halftime Show ▪ Do Your Job ▪ Do Your Job II
ESPN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What role does ESPN play in sports? ▪ What variety of stories are shared by ESPN? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ESPN 30 for 30 ▪ E:60 ▪ Class Discussion ▪ Writing Prompts
Social Media & Podcasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What role do sports and social media play? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social Media analysis
College Mascots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What role do mascots play in college sports? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vote for the Mascot Hall of Fame
Boston Professional Sports Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What impact do professional sports teams have on Boston? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflections and research of Boston professional sports teams ▪ Analyzing radio, TV, and social media coverage of the teams

Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Friday Night Lights ▪ My Senior Year ▪ Fall River Dreams ▪ Coach ▪ Sports Illustrated ▪ E:60 Sport Documentaries