PSE 4UI – INDEPENDENT STUDY

This project will include your research, your final draft and final presentation. Your task is to choose a topic, review current published research and use the research to support a thesis statement. Initiative and thorough research skills should be evident in this project. This project is worth 15% of your final mark.

MAJOR TOPIC SELECTIONS:

- Drugs and the Athlete – Steroid Use & Baseball etc…..
- Violence in Sport – athlete-athlete, athlete-coach, athlete-fan, fan-fan??
- Cheating in Sport
- Canadian Government's Role in Fitness and Sport – are they doing their job?
- Sport and Feminism – female athletes portrayed as butch? Lesbians?
- Media Coverage of Female Athletes – beach volleyball, calendars etc…
- Corruption in sports with Judging
- The Minority Athlete – black, Hispanic – roles for minorities (black QB's in football, black headcoaches etc..)
- Commercialization in Sport
- Has the Media Corrupted Sport?
- Sport and Making of Nations
- Sport and the Breakdown of Gender Roles
- Race and Ethnic Relations in Media and Sport
- The American Influence in Canadian Sport
- Stress and the Athlete
- Sport and Politics
- Sport Role Models – do professional athletes automatically agree to being role models?
- The Disabled Athlete: Equal Access?
- Contemporary Coaching Attitudes and Philosophies
- Prejudice in Sport – vs. women, disabled, elderly – women in high level sports positions
- Sporting Legends and Their Impact on Canadian Sport Culture
- Contemporary Controversies in Sport
- Sport and Team Spirit and Pride: Why Are We Different from Americans?
-Olympic games – should professionals be allowed to participate in all events?
- The importance of school athletics
- Scholarships
- Superiority of the Black athlete
- Black athletes in Leadership roles
- Female participation in predominantly male sports
-Gender Equity in Sports
-Violence in Sports
-Fitness in Space
-The Academic Athlete
-Children and Elite athletes
-Children, Conditioning and Weight Training
-Professional Athletes and their salaries
-Sports Medicine – when is it safe to return to spo
-Childhood Obesity
-Fad Diets – healthy or not?
-Creatine Phosphate Use in Weight Training
-Sports Psychology for Athletes
-Tobacco – Advertising in Sport
-Nutrition for Athletes
-Eating Disorders and Athletics
-The Value and Importance of Sport in Society
-Questionable Coaching and Training Methods
-The Values of Sport for Children
-Sport Millionaires (athlete salaries!) vs. Third World Inequities: International Imbalance?
-Children & Sport – Competition or Co-operation – what should the coaches promote
-Fans/Parents and Children – what can be done?
-High prices for athletic 'wear' pays the big salarie and endorsements – is this fair?
-Declining Physical Activity/Phys Ed for children – is the future of our children in jeopardy'
-When (what age) should body contact be allowe Sports (e.g. hockey, rugby etc..)
-The Female Athlete – issues surrounding
-Is golf (or any activity you want to argue [e.g. cheerleading] really a sport?
-Nutrition in schools – can it be done?
-Intramurals vs. extracurricular – which is more important?
-Should athletes be able to go on strike?
-Defining a truly amateur athlete
-Winning is everything !!!!
-Sport as a Reflection of Society
-Fighting in NHL Hockey – needed or not?
-Other

Part 1: Selecting a Topic **Name : _____**

You need to find an appropriate, researchable topic and explain what you hope to accomplish by researching it. Once you have done this you should be able to develop a thesis statement for your paper.

Instructions:

- Choose a topic that interests you.
- Spend the first library period completing initial research on that topic.
- As you find research information, make sure to note the source that you got the research information from.
- Answer all of these questions in proper sentence form.
- You will need to complete this form and submit it to Mrs. Douglas by _____

1. In a brief paragraph, describe your topic.

2. In a brief paragraph, explain why you believe this topic is important to you, to your readers and to a wider audience.

3. Pose three questions that you feel will be important to answer in your research.

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