

5th Grade ELA Work Packet

Week of March 15-19, 2021

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Please do not begin any assignments until instructed by Ms. Eggink.



The Ultimate Value of Sports

Whether it's football or golf, there's little doubt about the value of sports. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), "play is essential to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and youth." Play not only exercises our bodies, it also exercises our minds. Sports teach us about ourselves and our world. We learn how to negotiate plans, settle disagreements, and how to monitor our attitude. The skills we learn playing can be applied to school and work. Since organized sports are a hands-on, minds-on learning process, they stimulate our imagination, curiosity, and creativity. The growing science of play is armed with research claims that play, and thus sports, is important to healthy brain development. We use language during play to solve problems, we use thinking when we follow directions to a game, and we use math skills to recognize averages and odds of each sports play.

Sports also raise our energy level and act as antidepressants. Activity increases the brain's level of chemicals called endorphins, which boost mood. When we start moving and having fun, we feel good about ourselves.



Forgetting the Fun

In a perfect world, everyone would have fun playing sports. But that's not always the case. Sports can get aggressive and cause scrapes, bruises, and broken bones. They can also hurt us psychologically. David Elkind, professor emeritus of Child Development at Tufts University and author of *The Power of Play*, says that when young children play self-initiated games such as tag or hide and seek, "misunderstandings and hurt feelings are part of the learning process, and happen in a context of mutual respect. Those that arise in organized team sports, don't have the same supportive network, the sense of competition outweighs the sense of cooperation, and can be hurtful to the child's sense of self and self-esteem." Playing sports is usually fun, but sometimes we can get frustrated. It might be because of the pressure to win, parents who yell and scream from the stands, or coaches who treat us unfairly. Sports are supposed to bring people together, but they can also drive people apart. When sports are separated into skill level, gender, or ethnicity, some players feel isolated, begin to forget the fun in sports, and even want to quit. Sports may not always be a positive experience, but even when they're not, they give us a dose of how to face life's challenges.

Making Sports Work for Us

Playing sports doesn't mean you have to play on a varsity team. And very few people have what it takes to be a professional athlete. But your school basketball coach or gymnastics teacher has found a way to make play their work. And in doing so, they've found the work best suited to who they are. According to Elkind, "Whenever we combine play with work, as in our hobbies, cooking, gardening, sewing, and carpentry, it is the full utilization and integration of all our interests, talents, and abilities. It's an activity that makes us feel whole."

Play is so important to our development that the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights has included it as a right of every child. In other words, it's your birthright to play! And there's no better place to play and learn about the world than on a sports field. So regardless of your sport—from swimming to soccer—play to have fun and you'll automatically win!

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

Are your eyes glued to the TV when LeBron James takes the court or Derek Jeter steps to the plate? While fans fill arenas, even more click their TVs on at home to watch athletes slam a puck into a net or hit a ball with a fat stick. Play is not only something to do, it's something to watch others do.



EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

It's Not Just a Game!

Sports are a form of entertainment. The joy you and your teammates get by working together is the same joy your family, friends, and other spectators get when they watch. Fans experience the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, just like the players on the field. Think of all the applauding, shouting, and yelling that happen at sporting events. It's a way for many of us to live vicariously through the players' actions.

Sports are also social events, opportunities for strangers to cheer together and debate outcomes. A Saturday morning game is a great way to spend time with family.

Sports involve learning, too. Fans research players, teams, and the sports themselves. How many fans do you know who are walking encyclopedias of sports trivia?

Why do so many of us watch sports and have a favorite team? Studies show that it fills both emotional and psychological needs. We feel self-confident and experience joy when our favorite team wins. Sports fulfill our human need to belong, and many fans, whether their team wins or loses, enjoy the suspense that allows them to release their emotions. Where we live, our family background, peer pressure, and our own sense of self (identity) all determine which baseball cap we wear and why we root for our team.

So the next time you put your Red Sox cap on and tune in to the game, remember it's not just about the amazing pitchers and batters, but about the way you feel when you watch your team play.

Baseball—From the 1830s to the late 1850s, Americans played a variety of ball and bat games. The first recorded baseball game took place in 1846 in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Football—Derived from rugby, a game played at public schools in England, football began to develop in Canada and the United States in the mid-1800s. The first game of American intercollegiate football, most resembling today's game, was played between Tufts University and Harvard on June 4, 1875, at Jarvis Field in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Tufts won, 1–0.

Basketball—In 1891, physical education instructor Dr. James Naismith invented the game of basketball in Springfield, Massachusetts. Designed as a sport to be played indoors during cold New England winters, basketball was originally played with a soccer ball and two peach baskets. In 1901, open-ended hoops replaced the game's closed baskets and basketball's "thirteen original rules" were created.

Lori Calabrese, "It's Not Just a Game!" in *Odyssey* (Jul/Aug 2009, 18:6, 36).

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Directions: Authors voice their opinions in their writing. They do this to try and sway readers to their way of thinking. Although opinions are **subjective**, meaning that they can differ from person to person, authors help support their opinions using evidence. Below are opinions from "It's Not Just a Game." Your task is to locate the evidence the author uses to support the opinion provided.

Opinion: Sports teach us valuable life lessons

Evidence to support opinion:

- _____

- _____

Opinion: Sports are a positive element of American culture.

Evidence to support opinion:

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- _____

Opinion: It is important to be part of a team at some point in your life.

Evidence to support opinion:

- _____

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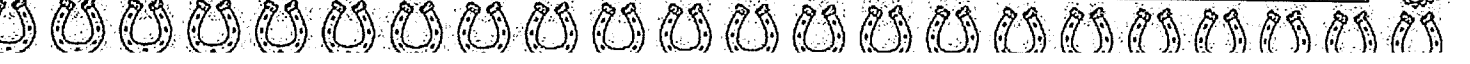
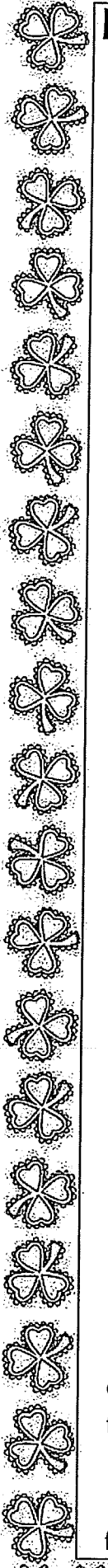

Try your own!

Opinion: _____

Evidence to support opinion:

- _____

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E The History of St. Patrick's Day ³

Who is St. Patrick?

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and an important religious figure in the Christian world. Although well known, most of what we know about him has come from storytellers passing down legends from one generation to the next.

Patrick was born in England in the 5th century. He had a turbulent childhood, kidnapped by pirates and sold to an Irish farmer as a slave at age sixteen. This led him to become very religious.

Six years later he escaped and traveled home to Ireland. After becoming a priest, Patrick returned to Ireland. He had experienced a dream where the people of Ireland were asking him to come and teach them about Christianity.

Patrick traveled across Ireland for 30 years to spread the message of Christianity. He managed to convert almost the entire population of Ireland.

There are many stories about St. Patrick that involve miracles and magic. One of the most famous legends is the tale that St. Patrick drove all the snakes from Ireland. It is said that he stood on a hill and used a wooden staff to drive the snakes into the sea. To this day, there are no snakes in Ireland. However, it is thought that there were probably no snakes at any time in Ireland!

Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March. It is thought that he died on this date. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday.

In 1903, Saint Patrick's Day became an official public holiday in Ireland. In Ireland they hold a Saint Patrick's Festival running over five days. Overall 2009's five-day festival saw almost one million visitors. Festival activities included concerts, outdoor theatre performances, and fireworks.

Irish immigrants began observing the holiday in Boston in 1737, and the first Saint Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1766.

Remember

Recall and Make Inferences

1. What day is St. Patrick's Day?

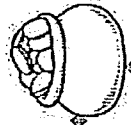
2. Why is the story of St. Patrick removing snakes from Ireland considered to be a made-up story? * Answer in a complete sentence

3. What was the first city in the USA to celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

4. Which of these statements about the text are true?

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	True	False
St. Patrick is the patron saint of Scotland.		
In 1903, St. Patrick's Day became an official public holiday in Ireland.		
The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the USA was held in 1842.		
St. Patrick was a priest.		



© Top Teaching Tasks

1. Summarize the text in your own words.*

2. List three adjectives you can find in the text.

Understand Explain Ideas and Concepts

3. Choose one word from the text that is new, difficult, or interesting to you. Write a sentence for each one showing that you understand what the word means.

4. What is the main idea of this text?*

Make a Wish

A wish for
my family:

A wish for
the world:

A wish for a friend:

A wish for
myself:

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Casey at the Bat

By Ernest Lawrence Thayer

The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day;
The score stood four to two with but one inning more to play.
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,
A sickly silence fell upon the patrons of the game.

A straggling few got up to go in deep despair. The rest
Clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast;
They thought if only Casey could but get a whack at that—
We'd put up even money now with Casey at the bat.

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But Flynn preceded Casey, as did also Jimmy Blake,
And the former was a lulu and the latter was a cake;
So upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat,
For there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting to the bat.

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But Flynn let drive a single, to the wonderment of all,
And Blake, the much despised, tore the cover off the ball;
And when the dust had lifted, and men saw what had occurred,
There was Jimmy safe at second and Flynn a-hugging third.

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Then from 5,000 throats and more there rose a lusty yell;
It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell;
It knocked upon the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

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There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place;
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on Casey's face.
And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat,
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt;
Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt.
Then while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip,
Defiance gleamed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.

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And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air,
And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.
Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped—
“That ain’t my style,” said Casey. “Strike one,” the umpire said.

From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar,
Like the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore.
“Kill him! Kill the umpire!” shouted some one on the stand;
And it’s likely they’d have killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

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With a smile of Christian charity great Casey’s visage shone;
He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;
He signaled to the pitcher, and once more the spheroid flew;
But Casey still ignored it, and the umpire said, “Strike two.”

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“Fraud!” cried the maddened thousands, and echo answered fraud;
But one scornful look from Casey and the audience was awed.
They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,
And they knew that Casey wouldn’t let that ball go by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey’s lip, his teeth are clinched in hate;
He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate.
And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,
And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey’s blow.

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Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;
But there is no joy in Mudville—mighty Casey has struck out.

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1. What is the crowd in Mudville watching?
- A) a game
 - B) a movie
 - C) a TV show
 - D) a play
2. What is the climax of this poem?
- A) when Jimmy and Flynn get to second and third base (lines 13-16)
 - B) when Casey stepped up to bat (lines 21-24)
 - C) when Casey lets the first ball pass without swinging at it (lines 29-32)
 - D) when Casey is taking a swing at the third ball (lines 45-48)
3. The people watching the baseball game felt that Casey could help the Mudville team win the game.

Which lines from the poem best support this conclusion?

- A) lines 1-4
- B) lines 5-8
- C) lines 13-16
- D) lines 29-32
4. Read lines 21–28 of the poem. How does Casey probably feel when he first steps up to bat?
- A) sleepy
 - B) worried
 - C) confident
 - D) shy

5. What is the main idea of this poem?

- A) The people of Mudville think that Casey will lose the baseball game for his team, and Casey does lose the game.
- B) The people of Mudville think that Casey will lose the baseball game for his team, but Casey wins the game instead.
- C) The people of Mudville are sure that Casey will win the baseball game for his team, and Casey does win the game.
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6. In the first half of the poem, the poet uses many similar phrases like "Casey at the bat" (line 8, line 24), "Casey getting to the bat" (line 12), and "Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat" (line 20). Why might the poet have used such similar phrases over and over?

- A) to show the reader that Casey is a very good baseball player
- B) to suggest that the people watching the game do not want Casey to bat
- C) to hint that Casey often bats during baseball games
- D) to make the reader get excited about Casey coming to bat

7. Read these stanzas from the poem.

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In the second of these stanzas, the poet uses verbs in a different tense from all of the previous stanzas. How does the verb tense change between the previous stanzas and this second stanza?

- A) The previous stanzas were in past tense, and this stanza is in present tense.
- B) The previous stanzas were in present tense, and this stanza is in past tense.
- C) The previous stanzas were in future tense, and this stanza is in present tense.
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8. Why is there no joy in Mudville at the very end of the poem?

9. Describe how the people watching the game feel when Casey is at the bat. Use evidence from the poem to support your answer.

10. Suspense is the state of nervousness or excitement that comes from being unsure about something. How does this poem create a feeling of suspense? Use evidence from the poem to support your answer.



Women have come a long way in the world of sports. In 2014, *Sports Illustrated* featured a Little League player on its cover for the first time in history. The pitcher had made quite an impression at the World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. After all, pitching a shutout in the Little League World Series was a big deal. It was an even bigger deal that it was accomplished by a girl in a boy's sport. Mo'ne Davis was 13-years-old when she became the first girl to pitch a shutout in Williamsport. Her 70-mile-per-hour fastball stunned everyone. Davis said, "I'm kind of used to striking out guys now, but when I first started, a lot of people didn't think I was good. So when I struck them out, it just changed everyone's perspective and how people went into the game." During

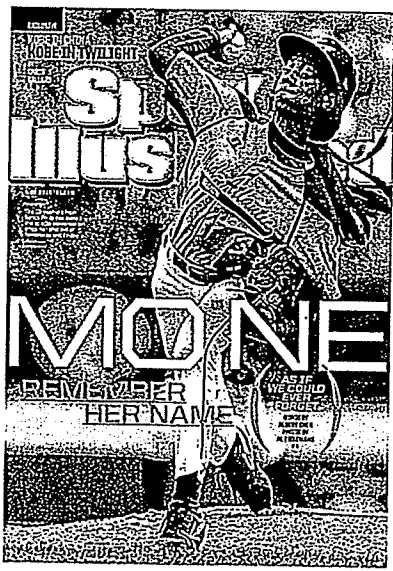
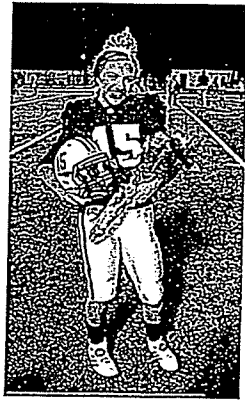


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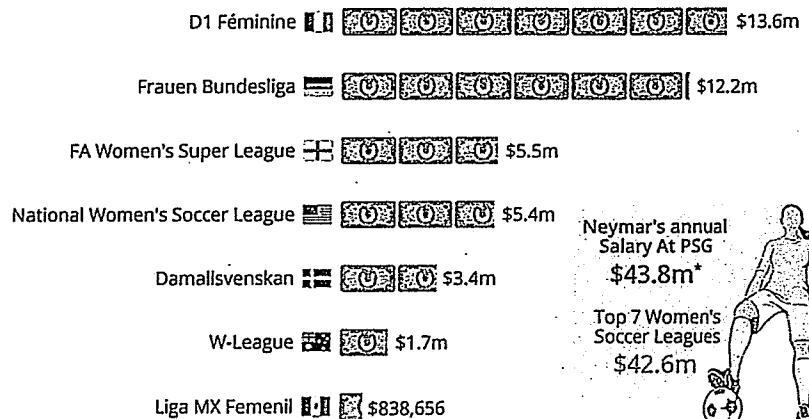
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More recently, in March of 2019, members of the U.S. women's national soccer team filed a lawsuit against U.S. Soccer alleging gender discrimination. They claim that they have greater success than the U.S. men's national team, but they are still paid much less. The women won the 2015 Women's World Cup, making them the #1 women's soccer team in the world. They shared a \$1.73 million bonus. The men lost in Round 16 of the 2014 World Cup. Still, they split a \$5.38 million bonus. In addition, the men did not make the 2018 World Cup, but the women did qualify for the Women's World Cup. With the main focus of the lawsuit being the quality of performance, they may stand a good chance to win the lawsuit.

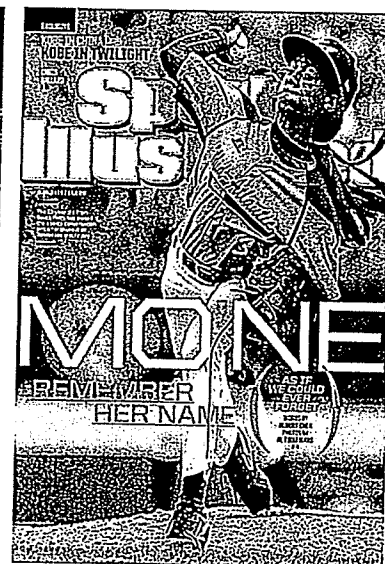
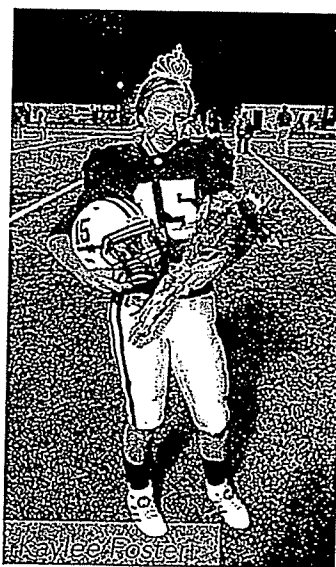


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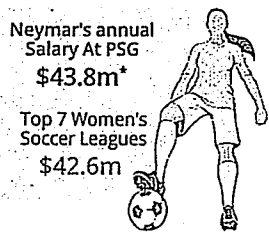
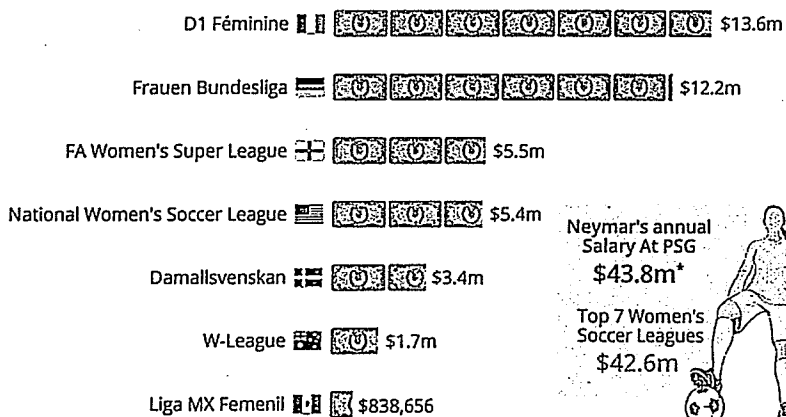
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Nonfiction Article of the Week

5-21: Play Like a Girl

Informational Text

Skill: Literal Comprehension

Comprehension Quiz

Choose the best answer according to the article.

- Which athlete was on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*?
 - Kaylee Foster
 - Mo'ne Davis
 - Serena Williams
 - Toni Harris
- What challenge did Toni Harris face that caused her to lose weight?
 - She trained with the team too often.
 - She had a gastrointestinal infection.
 - She had food poisoning.
 - She battled cancer.
- Kaylee Foster became a viral sensation when she was crowned Homecoming Queen hours before doing what?
 - kicking the game-winning extra point
 - catching the game-winning touchdown
 - running in the game-winning touchdown
 - sacking the opponent's quarterback
- Why were Serena Williams's leggings banned during the French Open?
 - they were American colors
 - they were not covered with a skirt
 - they were too short
 - they were too brightly colored
- What caused the Women's Tennis Association to change their rules?
 - the U.S. women's national soccer team's lawsuit
 - the umpire's gender discrimination
 - the advocacy of Serena Williams
 - the lawsuit of Serena Williams
- Why did the U.S. women's national soccer team file a lawsuit against U.S. Soccer?
 - They were unfairly judged at the Women's World Cup.
 - They are not given enough matches to increase their pay.
 - They are paid much less than the men's soccer team.
 - all of these
- According to the article, one male soccer player earned more money in one season than the top _____ female soccer players earned in that same season combined.
 - 6
 - 16
 - 169
 - 1,693
- The main focus of the lawsuit against U.S. Soccer is...
 - the quality of performance.
 - the number of injuries.
 - the number of points scored.
 - the dress code policy.



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Skill: Analyze Multiple Accounts

B. Analyze Point of View

Complete the graphic organizer below. For each piece of evidence (quote) given from the text, tell which athlete said it. Then, tell if the evidence is told from the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd point of view.

	Athlete	Point of View (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd)
"It's ok to be you."		
"If you want the chance, you have to be so good they can't ignore you."		
"I'm kind of used to striking out guys now, but when I first started, a lot of people didn't think I was good."		

C. Analyze Multiple Perspectives on the Same Topic

Explain each celebrity's perspective, or particular attitude and way of thinking, on the topic identified below. Use evidence from the article in your answer.

Kevin Durant on girls playing boys sports	
Serena Williams on the equal treatment of women in sports	

Wednesday ____/____

Title: _____ Pages read: _____

Summary:

Thursday ____/____

Title: _____ Pages read: _____

Summary:

Friday ____/____

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Summary:
