



Should College Athletes Be Paid?

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Sports
Grades 9–12



Introduction

The students will write a persuasive essay regarding whether or not College Athletes should be paid to play.

Learning Objectives

Students will

- ([CCSS.W.11-12.1](#)) Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and sufficient evidence.
- ([CCSS.W.11-12.7](#)) Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated questions) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

Materials Needed

- Access to technology (research)
- Paper/Electronic Tablet/Laptop (for composing a writing piece)

Procedure

1. Introduce this topic by playing these video for the students.

- [CollegeXpress Video](#)
- [Business Insider Video](#)

2. Have the students work with a peer or small group to discuss their thoughts regarding the video.

Writing Prompt: College sports generates hundreds of thousands of dollars for universities and colleges.

Although college athletes engage in sports and perform at high levels during games, they are rarely, if ever, paid for their work. Should college athletes be paid for their work in sports? Be sure to use research that supports your views on this topic. You must compose an argumentative essay and cite at least five credible sources.

Evaluation

Use a rubric of your choice to evaluate the argumentative essays. Here are some sample rubrics: [Example 1](#), [Example 2](#), [Example 3](#).