

Sample Answers

Assignment: A Safer Sport: Single-Paragraph Response

Collection: Differentiated Content: Argument: Middle School

Use the following answers as a reference while guiding students and grading student work. Keep in mind that answers will vary and this is just one way to correctly complete the assignment.

Plan Your Argument

Step 1. Read the article and the data sheet carefully. Use quotes and your own words to complete the Planner.

Review the Reading & Prompt

What is the main idea of the article?

The article "A Safer Sport" is about how flag football is safer and becoming more popular than tackle football.

What is the assignment asking you to do?

This prompt asks me to state a claim about whether flag football should replace tackle football in my school district.

Introduce the Topic

Give some background information to let readers know about the topic.

Did you know more kids play flag football than tackle football? OR a kid's brain is more at risk for injury than an adult's? OR there are fewer accidents in flag football than in tackle football?

My Claim

After reviewing the information in the readings, I believe flag football should replace tackle football in my school district.

Reasons & Evidence

One Reason That Supports My Claim

One reason I believe this is because flag football is safer than tackle football.

Evidence That Supports This Reason

According to one source, a study published in 2017 “found that playing tackle football before age 12 was linked to early memory and behavior problems.” OR one coach says “accidents are fewer and far between in flag football.” .

Reasons & Evidence

Another Reason That Supports My Claim

Another reason I believe this is because flag football helps keep tackle football popular.

Evidence That Supports This Reason

One example of this is “Coaches say it teaches skills that players need to go on to tackle football.” OR “The NFL sponsors flag football leagues around the country. It hopes to inspire new generations of fans and players.” .

Wrap Up

Restate your claim in a different way.

In conclusion, flag football is the right choice.

Remind readers to agree with you and tell them what to do next.

Think about this: there’s no reason to rush into tackle football, let’s vote to have flag football replace tackle football in our school.

Step 2. Reflect and revise your claim:

- Do your reasons and evidence support your claim?
- Does your claim make sense?

Step 3. When you are satisfied with the information in your Planner, submit your Planner and begin to write your Draft.

Step 4. Fill in information from your Planner to write your Argument.

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A Safer Sport

Did you know that a kid's brain is more at risk for injury than an adult's? After reading the information in the article "A Safer Sport" and the data sheet "Stick With Tackle," I believe that the school board should replace tackle football with flag football in our district. One reason I believe this is because flag football is safer for young kids. According to the article, the evidence shows that "playing tackle football before age 12 was linked to early memory and behavior problems.". Another reason is because switching to flag football for youth players will help save tackle football. For example, the article notes that "coaches say it teaches skills that players need to go on to tackle football.". In conclusion, flag football is the right choice for the safety of kids and for saving football. Think about this: Even the NFL is sponsoring youth flag football leagues. Let's make sure flag football replaces tackle football in our school.