

Evaluating Essays

Read the following essay written by Brandon. Complete the following activities.

Identify: Expository or Persuasive

Highlight: Thesis, transitions, justifiers, a quote, an example, a statistic.

Circle: Ten words to demonstrate strong vocabulary choices.

Underline: Sentences which begin in a different way (gerund, adverb, preposition)

Compound sentences (S, conj S or S;S or S; SC, S)

Complex sentence (LB, S)

Sentence with Commas in a Series (A, B, conj C or A, B, C noun)

Examples of figurative language (simile, metaphor, personification, idiom)

Check: Punctuation (end marks at the end of each sentence), Spelling and Capitalization

“The Gators and the Buckeyes are only five minutes away from playing in the Tostitos Bowl National Championship,” said the ESPN team of announcers with great emotion. I am the biggest Gators fan who has ever walked on the planet Earth and am pumped up to see the Florida Gators utterly destroy to Ohio Buckeyes. If it weren’t for the game of football, I really don’t know how there would be any excitement in the world. Football is my favorite sport to watch because of its incredible competitiveness, I love seeing my favorite teams win, and football uses cooperation in a very unique way.

First and foremost, football is the greatest all time sport to watch as a spectator because of the extreme competitiveness. In baseball you have the typical rivalry between the Yankees and the Red Sox. In basketball, you experience the Miami Heat and Detroit Pistons rivalry. Well, in football, every team is a rival! It doesn’t matter what match up is on or what teams are playing, each and every team is a rival. A perfect example of this was the recent game between the Miami Hurricanes and the FIU Owls. A couple of plays were made, words were exchanged between players, and some penalties occurred. In the third quarter, punches were thrown and helmets and cleats were used as weapons. Fights also broke out in the stands. These two teams were so competitive that it erupted in violence. Without a doubt, football is my favorite sport to watch because of its exciting competitiveness and rivalries.

Equally as important, football will always be my favorite sport to watch because I like to see my favorite teams win! “Winning makes you a winner,” declared football

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coaching legend Don Shula, the only coach to go undefeated in the history of the NFL. In the playoffs, when my favorite pro team, the Eagles, went to face off with the Giants, the game was on the line. Whoever lost was out of the playoffs. The score was tied 20 to 20 with three seconds left in the game. The Eagles had the ball and David Ackers was going to try for a field goal. The kick was up and . . . GOOD! Chips and pretzels were in the air and my family screamed in delight. Obviously, it's great to watch your team win.

Last but not least, football is my favorite sport to observe because of the unique way it uses cooperation. 100% of football teams use cooperation. John Madden, a legendary coach, once said, "There is no 'I' in team." I happen to agree with that statement. The only way teams can win is through cooperation. Clearly, cooperation is the way to play a good football game.

To summarize the aforementioned points, football is my favorite spectator sport because of its incredible competitiveness and because I absolutely love to see my favorite teams win. Also, I am fascinated by the unique way football uses cooperation. The ESPN announcers were suddenly yelling, "The Gators have defeated the Buckeyes and are the National Champs." Go Gators!

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