

Sports on the fringe

For the next couple of weeks we will be engaged in a project to increase our awareness of sports on the fringe of our modern American sports society. We will read and write about bowling, bass fishing, cricket and rock climbing. We will interview members of our community who engage in these activities.

Our charge is to determine:

- * What makes these activities so engaging to the people who participate in them?
- * What about these activities keeps them on the fringe?
- * What are common misconceptions about these activities?
- * What should non-participants know about these activities?

We will be reading the following texts:

- * Bowling Alone, Robert Putnam (excerpt)
- * The Compleat Angler Izaak Walton (excerpt)
- * “Adventure’s End” Sir Edmund Hillary
- * An article on cricket I am getting from my Australian friend, Brad.

The assignments will include:

- * a reading response on one of the aforementioned texts.
- * a 10-point quiz on all four readings
- * a 5-10 page report about the current state of this sport. This report will follow the standard report form. You must submit an acceptable controlling idea to me for approval before beginning the report
- * a 5-10 minute video documentary of your assigned sport with interview footage providing the majority of the work.

Schedule (dates indicate last day by which assignment will earn credit)

<u>May 16</u>	Contact made with interview subject and controlling idea approved
<u>May 19</u>	Reading response completed Quiz on all four readings – 10 pts.
<u>May 23</u>	First draft completed
<u>May 27</u>	Interviews completed
<u>May 30</u>	Final draft turned in Videos presented to the class

Assessment

Paper 25 points using standard report rubric for the first draft
15 additional points for second draft based on changes made.

Video 15 points can be earned if: all members participate in the entire process, video is engaging and interesting, and the information is accurate and well-thought out.