

SPM 335 Colonnade Artifact: Final Paper **An Examination of “*The Spirit of Sport*”**

Students will write a review/reflection paper about the concept of “*the spirit of sport*” in the context of the international sporting industry. The intrinsic value of sport, often referred to as ‘*the spirit of sport*,’ is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind, and is characterized by values such as ethics, honesty, respect for rules, self-respect and respect for others, fair play and healthy competition. If sport is void of these values (and others) it might be argued it is no longer sport.

By completing this paper, you will be able to demonstrate how you can:

1. Analyze issues on local and global scales.
2. Examine the local and global interrelationships of one or more issues.
3. Evaluate the consequences of decision-making on local and global scales.

You should examine the spirit of sport via one of the following 3 areas: (**CHOOSE 1 area only**). I have provided prompts to begin your paper under each of the areas. These prompts are meant to help you start your paper, you may use some or all of the information provided. You should also add your own examples to support.

1. Sportsmanship, Cheating, and PEDs:

How does sportsmanship, cheating, and PED use impact the spirit of sport? Explain how individuals and organizations around the world impact the spirit of sport. Answer such questions as: Is sportsmanship an antiquated concept? Should doping be an individual choice? Why do we care? Is clean sport and idealized view of sport? Include examples such as; historic PED use from the former Eastern Bloc countries, the 1988 Olympic Games, Lance Armstrong, Ben Johnson, organizations such as the MLB and LL baseball, and systemic abuse from countries such as Russia.

2. Governance Structures Influence:

The IAAF is a good example of an international sport federation that has had recent struggles with keeping sport clean and acting ethically (e.g., Caster Semenya and gender testing). FIFA is another, with attempts to grow the game of football, including for women, athletes with different abilities, and the homeless. However, there have been many issues with racism and sexism in the world’s most popular sport. You should examine the mission and vision of such organizations, (not limited to IAAF or FIFA) and explain how governing bodies are leading the way for clean, safe, and ethical sport, or impeding the spirit of sport. Students may visit the websites to examine its governance model, policies, and regulations.

3. Sport and Politics:

It can be said that no other sporting event has the impact on the world like The Olympic Games. A focus on nationalism and pride is present to promote interest, but a renewed emphasize on cooperation and nations coming together is also seen. Olympians are both global citizens and representative of their home nation. There are many aspects to the Olympics that emphasize the spirit of sport, but do the Games have a negative impact? If so, how? Why do nations spend so much money to host? Many losing money, and at what cost? The differences in the Rio and Vancouver Games for example.

Another example of the entanglement of sport with politics is South Africa's fight for independence and later unification of its multiracial and diverse ethnic groupings in society. The movie *Invictus* depicts how sport united the nation of South Africa after years of segregation and apartheid, to unravel the details of ethnic and racial tension and eventual development of unity in the country. Please address the potential of sport to transform nations politically and ethically, this is the power and spirit of sport.

Suggested References:

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After you pick the topic, your paper should include **3 parts:**

- 1) A thorough explanation/summary of the topic, you should identify main issues and demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of the topic. Use the above information. You may also use our text, supplemental readings, and/or any appropriate outside source/reading on the topic. The topics are broad so you can find plenty of information and expand on or pick a specific related issue to discuss. You choose what is of interest and concern to you.
- 2) Cite and explain/discuss a recent example in sport that applies to your area.

- 3) Present your thoughts/experiences on the topic; this is the reflection aspect to the paper. Tell me why you chose this topic, give your opinion and provide suggestions for change, improvement, and any thoughts you personally have on the topic.

The paper must be in APA 7 format, typed, doubled-spaced, Times New Roman, 12pt-font. I expect each paper to show thought, effort, and deep personal reflection on the topic. The paper should be a minimum of 2-4 pages. Please include a title page. References should be included at the end of the paper. The title page and reference page do not count toward the page requirements. The paper is worth 100 points and will be assessed using the rubric on the next page:

ITEMS	Exceeding (30 points)	Meeting (20 points)	Approaching (10 points)	Beginning (0 points)
Student analyzes issues in Sport on local and global scales. (30 points)	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of local and global phenomena of sport.	Demonstrates a clear understanding of local and global phenomena in sport.	Demonstrates an adequate understanding of local and global phenomena in sport.	Demonstrates a superficial understanding of local and global phenomena sport.
Student analyzes the inter-relationships between one or more Sport issues. (30 points)	Sophisticated analysis of relationships between local and global issues in sport.	Clear analysis of relationships between local and global issues in sport.	Adequate analysis of relationships between local and global issues in sport.	Superficial analysis of relationships between local and global issues in sport.
Student evaluates the consequences of decision-making of Sport on local and global scales. (30 points)	Proposes a sophisticated assessment to complex between local and global problems in sport.	Proposes a clear assessment of the relationship between local and global problems in sport.	Proposes an adequate assessment of basic local to global problems in sport.	Proposes a general assessment, or no recognition, of the relationship between local and global problems in sport.
Format (10 points)	Follows APA format consistently including the works cited page (10 points)	Follows APA, MLA, or Chicago format with minimal errors; generally well-organized works cited page (7 points)	Mostly follows APA citation format and lists all cited sources on a works cited page (3 points)	Haphazard and/or lack of citations or works cited page (0 points)

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