The History of Sports

Ever wanted to talk sports the whole class? How about get on ESPN and watch highlights without getting in trouble? If you answered yes to either question, I have a class for you. This is the History of Sports class, and we will be talking sports for an entire semester. We will discuss the current events, but we will also look into where it all started, and what sports mean to us. I have several topics that we can discuss. If we get to all of them that will great, but I realize that we may need more time to get through some of the bigger topics. On the list are:

- Baseball - Hockey  
- Basketball - Golf  
- Football - Boxing  
- TV/Media - Sportsmanship  
- What impact have sports made on your life? - What do sports mean to you?  
- Who is the greatest athlete you ever saw?

When we talk about the sports we will learn some of the rules, the different eras, and the legends of that sport. We will also look at the impact the sport has had on society, and we will look at what was going on in the world during significant parts of the game (ex. 1980 Olympic hockey team).

This class will have a lot of discussion time about the topics, as well as several projects. We will use online tools such as Animoto, Glogster, and Prezi for projects. There will also be times where a written assignment will be assigned. The students will also be allowed time to research and gather information about a topic in order to prepare for a class discussion.

Another way we will look at how sports have impacted society will be through the use of movies. I have selected a list of movies we will choose from to highlight certain aspects of sports. We will not watch all of these, but the list includes:

- Nine Innings from Ground Zero - Rudy  
- Eight Men Out - The Rookie  
- Miracle - Glory Road  
- The Natural - Hoosiers  
- Field of Dreams - Ali Rap

Even though this class is graded Pass/Fail, I expect to see "A" effort out of everyone in the class. The students chose to be in this class, so they need to act accordingly. I suspect that we will all enjoy this class.