

DAY 3

RESPONDING TO CLUSTER TWO

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ATHLETE?

Thinking Skill ANALYZING

1. Do you think girls should be able to play on boys' teams? Why or why not?
2. What if Rich Nesbitt in "When the Boys Taught Their Coach" was called out of town? **Analyze** which character in Cluster One or Two would be the best substitute coach. Explain your answer.
3. **Hyperbole** is extreme exaggeration used for emphasis. **Analyze**, or find examples in, "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" that show how Dave Barry uses hyperbole to create humor.
4. In a team sport each athlete has a defined role and is expected to perform that role for the good of the team. Do you think The Moose in "Just Once" is selfish and hurts the team when he asks to carry the ball?
5. **Analyze** the main characters in this cluster by listing three of their strongest qualities, attitudes, or abilities. Use your analysis to decide which character or person you would want with you on a team. Be prepared to explain your choice.

Name	Qualities
Katie Hnida	
David Meriwether	
Joan Benoit	
boys on the baseball team	
Dave Barry	
the Moose	

Writing Activity: The Most Valuable Player

Use the selections and charts from Clusters One and Two and **analyze** whom you would choose for a "most valuable player" award. Write a nomination speech to **persuade** your classmates to accept your candidate.

Strong Persuasive Writing

- begins with a statement of the writer's opinion
- uses facts, quotes, examples, and so forth to support the opinion
- is organized for maximum impact, often with the most persuasive arguments presented last
- presents information clearly and logically
- concludes by restating the writer's opinion