



The Importance of Teamwork

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Sports
Grades K-2



Introduction

This can be used as a stand-alone writing prompt. Ideally, this would be done in conjunction with a team sports unit in P.E., such as soccer.

Learning Objectives

The learner will be able to write a persuasive piece with a clear point-of-view and sufficient reasoning.

Materials Needed

- [Copies of graphic organizer](#)
- [Copies of rubric](#)
- Ball

Procedure

Warm-up – Play a short, friendly game (ideally outside, if weather permits) of soccer or kickball.

1. Discuss how important teamwork is and cite examples from the game you played with the class.
2. Have students talk to their writing partner about why teamwork is important.
3. Students will individually complete the graphic organizer.
4. Then, have students complete their writing about the teamwork.
5. After students have written their paragraphs, have them give their paper to their writing partner for the partner to evaluate by the rubric. Students will then make corrections to their papers as needed.

Evaluation

Have students use the rubric to evaluate their own writing and/or their writing partner's writing. After they have used the rubric to improve their writing, use the same rubric to grade the assignment.