

Chapter 3– Essay Questions

1. After being seriously injured in Iraq, your legs are paralyzed and you use a wheelchair. Most people, including past friends, avoid you. As you train for a 5-kilometer wheelchair race, you meet old friends on the track where you work out. When you confront them, one says that they avoid you because they don't know how to interact with a "cripple." Explain to them that they have defined you as an "other" without knowing it; also explain that this has occurred through history and has influenced social relationships in the process.
2. Since 1920 sports have been contested activities. This means that people have struggled over many issues related to sports. What are the main issues over which people have struggled, and how have the outcomes of those struggles affected your sport participation or the participation of your friends or family members?
3. Look at the *social history time line since 1920* and identify the five entries that you think have been most influential or symbolic in terms of their impact on or relationship to changes in sports since 1920. Explain why you have chosen each of the entries.
4. The description of organized competitive sports given in the chapter is helpful for purposes of analysis, but it does not accurately portray all the physical activities and sports that people play today. Using your experiences, show how many popular physical activities do not fit the seven characteristics outlined in the chapter. Identify the differences as you describe the activities.
5. The Post Office wants to print two stamps commemorating the two most socially significant sport moments in British history since 1920. They have hired you to identify the two historical moments. What are they and why did you choose them?