

Interview About Steroid Use

An investigative journalist is a person who thoroughly investigates a particular topic and then writes about it. In this activity, you will become an investigative journalist researching the issue of anabolic-androgenic steroid use among amateur and professional athletes. You will then use your research to conduct an interview on the problems and controversies of steroid use among athletes.

Question 1:

Ask a general question to discover what the person knows about the subject. Remember to prepare several appropriate follow-up questions in advance.

Question 2:

Ask more specific questions, such as whether the person knows of recent studies, events, or legislation regarding the subject.

Question 3:

Ask about any personal experience with the issue. Keep these questions appropriate to the occupation of the person you're interviewing.

Question 4:

Ask for the interviewee's view of the subject. Note any interesting quotes to use in your article.

ACTIVITY

Conduct research on the issue of steroid use among amateur and professional athletes. Cover the following areas in your research: history of steroid use, science of steroid use, how steroids act in the body, and legislation regarding steroid use. After your research, interview a sports physician, an athletic coach, a health teacher, or a law enforcement officer to add credibility to your research. Use the guidelines in the chart shown above

to help plan, organize, and write your interview questions. Compose as many questions as you consider appropriate, basing their content on your research. Keep good notes, or record the interview.

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS

Write an article based on your interview. Gear your message toward teens, and warn them about the dangers of steroid use.