

Polyface: The Farm of Many Faces

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Tutorial Question:
 Tutorial Questions have just been revised the assessment of Aboriginal social and cultural experiences? How and why have Aboriginal people experienced success in some sports? What class, race and gender differences are apparent in Aboriginal people's sporting success?

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Foundations & Programs
 For example, the Clontarf Foundation - established by Gerard Henderson, a donor critical to the West Australian Football League (WAFL) and Australian Football League (AFL) who had developed very positive relationships with young Aboriginal footballers, Gerard was already aware of the cycle of disadvantage constraining Aboriginal people and the largely negative stage of team build-up essay in the wider community.
 Gerard recognised that the football environment was one in which Aboriginal people had traditionally excelled resulting in very positive impacts upon the self-esteem and personal growth of players, their families and the wider Aboriginal community. Gerard shared his passion for young Aboriginal footballers who had played in the WAFL and AFL, from when they were through an environment where they had great success and during highly careers which had offered well-founded support structures.

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Gerard recognized that the football environment was one in which positive impacts upon the self-esteem and personal growth of players, their families and the wider aboriginal community. Gerard witnessed emerging young aboriginal footballers who had played in the W.A.F.L. and AFL, grow into fine men through an environment where they had great success and during playing careers which had offered well-founded support structures.

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1. A brief overview of Indigenous sporting involvement

1.1 A brief history of Indigenous sport in Australia. This section will be a history of Indigenous sport in Australia, covering the early years of settlement, the 19th century, and the 20th century. It will also cover the role of sport in the lives of Indigenous people, and the impact of sport on the wider community.

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What people have said about Indigenous sportspersons

"Indigenous sport is a unique and important part of our cultural heritage. It is a way of life that has been passed down through generations, and it is a source of pride and identity for many Indigenous people. We must continue to support and promote Indigenous sport, and ensure that it remains a central part of our lives."

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Some familiar faces



Rugby League - reconciliation efforts

Rugby League has been a significant part of the lives of many Indigenous people in Australia. It has provided a sense of community and belonging, and has been a source of pride and identity. In recent years, there has been a growing focus on reconciliation efforts, and Rugby League has played a key role in this process. Many Indigenous players and coaches have been involved in reconciliation initiatives, and have worked to build bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

Footy

Football is the most popular sport in Australia, and it has a long history of being played by Indigenous people. In recent years, there has been a growing focus on Indigenous football, and many Indigenous players and coaches have been involved in the sport. This has provided a sense of community and belonging, and has been a source of pride and identity for many Indigenous people.

Grassroots Rugby League - More Boomerangs

Grassroots Rugby League is a growing movement in Australia, and it is providing a sense of community and belonging for many Indigenous people. The Moree Boomerangs are a key part of this movement, and they have been successful in providing a platform for Indigenous players and coaches. This has provided a sense of pride and identity, and has been a source of inspiration for many Indigenous people.

More on the boomerangs...

The Moree Boomerangs are a grassroots Rugby League team based in Moree, New South Wales. They were founded in 1998, and have since become a prominent force in the sport. The team has a strong focus on Indigenous players and coaches, and has been successful in providing a platform for them. This has provided a sense of community and belonging, and has been a source of pride and identity for many Indigenous people.

NRL Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout

The NRL Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout is a tournament that has been held annually since 2000. It is a significant event in the Indigenous sporting calendar, and it provides a platform for Indigenous players and coaches. The tournament has been successful in providing a sense of community and belonging, and it has been a source of pride and identity for many Indigenous people.

Boomerangs back on the field...



Knockout continued... Rugby

The Knockout is a significant event in the Indigenous sporting calendar, and it provides a platform for Indigenous players and coaches. The tournament has been successful in providing a sense of community and belonging, and it has been a source of pride and identity for many Indigenous people.

A Modern Day Corroboree

A Modern Day Corroboree is a cultural performance that has become a significant part of the Indigenous sporting calendar. It is a way of celebrating Indigenous culture and identity, and it provides a platform for Indigenous players and coaches. The performance has been successful in providing a sense of community and belonging, and it has been a source of pride and identity for many Indigenous people.

Racism in Sport Lecture at UWSW

This lecture will explore the issue of racism in sport, and the impact it has on Indigenous people. It will cover the history of racism in sport, and the ways in which it has been addressed. The lecture will also discuss the role of sport in the lives of Indigenous people, and the ways in which it can be used to promote reconciliation and social justice.

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Racism in sport is a complex issue that has a long history. It has been a source of discrimination and inequality for many Indigenous people, and it has had a significant impact on their lives. However, there are many ways in which we can address racism in sport, and we can work to create a more inclusive and equitable environment for all.

Sport: A political arena?

Sport is often seen as a neutral arena, but it can also be a political one. It can be used to promote social and political issues, and it can be a source of inspiration and motivation for many people. However, it can also be used to promote racism and discrimination, and it can be a source of inequality and injustice.

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Indigenous people have a long history of playing sport, and it has been a significant part of their lives. However, there has been a growing focus on Indigenous sport in recent years, and many Indigenous players and coaches have been involved in the sport. This has provided a sense of community and belonging, and it has been a source of pride and identity for many Indigenous people.

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Sport: A political arena?

Sport is a vehicle for many things. There are many people who believe that sport and politics should never mix. The reason for this is sport is seen as the pure and noble practice - hard work, champions. However, politics is seen as cynical and grubby.



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- Aboriginal groups saw the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane in 1982 as the means of protesting their case to, and through, the world's cameras.
- Damien Hooper caused a stir when he wore an Aboriginal flag t-shirt into the boxing ring at the London Olympic Games.
- When Cathy Freeman cloaked herself in the Aboriginal flag at the 1994 Commonwealth Games it created a furore in the Australian media. Many commentators claimed that Freeman should have refrained, because Aboriginal Australia is not recognised as a self-governing nation.

1. A brief overview of Indigenous sporting involvement

In his book, 'Aborigines in Sport', Colin Tatz says that virtually all Aboriginal sporting achievement is concentrated in fourteen sports:

- athletics, Australian Rules football, basketball, boxing, cricket, cycling, darts, horseracing, rugby league, rugby union, soccer, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling.

He goes on to say that there is "the greatest number of top-level sportsmen but also an over-representation, proportionately, of Aborigines in boxing, Aussie Rules, and rugby league."

Question: Why do you think Indigenous athletes participate in some sports over others?

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What people have said about Indigenous sportspeople

- "Indigenous [AFL] players have become synonymous with having flair, magic, or x-factor." - Dr Chris Hickey, Associate Professor, Deakin University
- "Sport was the first pathway that embraced Aboriginal people and gave them the opportunity to compete on an equal playing field." - Michael O'Loughlin, Aboriginal AFL player
- "If anything transcends race, intolerance or discrimination, it is sport." - Steve Stacey, Executive Officer, Nyoongar Sports Association Malaga, Western Australia.
- "When we play football, there's that connection with the land that we are on and the way that we play. When you see two brothers or three brothers playing on the same team, you can just see this natural ability shine through." - Adam Goodes, Aboriginal AFL Player.

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- 1993 - then Collingwood President Allan McAlister said that Nicky Winmar and teammate Gilbert McAdam would be respected "as long as they conducted themselves like white people."



- During the 1980 Wimbledon tournament, a senior Australian politician at the time said he hoped Evonne Goolagong "wouldn't go walkabout like some old boong."



- In 2010, Timana Tahu quit the NSW Origin State of Origin team after NSW Assistant coach, Andrew Johns, described Queensland player, Greg Inglis, an Aboriginal man as a black c*** in his training instructions to the team.

Racism in Sport Lecture at UNSW

Seeks to explore the nature of racism in sport, and what the various codes, in particular the NRL, are doing to address the problem

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The forum's expert panel includes:

- David Gallop, NRL CEO
- Graeme Innes, Race and Disability Discrimination Commissioner
- Dr Barry Judd, Post Doctoral Fellow, Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies, Monash University
- Deborah Healey, Senior Lecturer UNSW, commercial and sports law expert
- Marcia Ella-Duncan, former Australian netballer