

These pop culture text sets attempt to represent not just a topic, but an issue within that topic, and sides of that issue. The text sets present multiple perspectives on an issue—as well as multiple levels of texts and multiple modalities. Some articles may need to be adapted for lower level readers. Please keep in mind that websites are temporal.

Pushing too hard too young: Take away the fun factor in sports and kids can burn out

[http://www.nbcnews.com/id/4556235/#.Upteg5E0\\_ol](http://www.nbcnews.com/id/4556235/#.Upteg5E0_ol)

Listening to Wisdom From a 10-year-old son about his head injury

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/29/sports/football/29cohen.html#>

Why I Don't Want My Kids to Play Team Sports

<http://m.us.wsj.com/articles/BL-SEB-78042>

Sports: The Benefits of Competitive Athletic Sports Participation in Today's Sports Climate

<http://www.chicagonow.com/the-athletes-sports-experience-making-a-difference/2012/10/sports-the-benefits-of-competitive-athletic-sports-participation-in-todays-sports-climate/>

What are the benefits of competitive sports for youth?

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/134568-what-are-benefits-competitive-sports-youth/>

Sports Promote Healthy Weight in Teenagers

[http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/07/17/sports-promote-healthy-weight-in-teenagers/?\\_r=0](http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/07/17/sports-promote-healthy-weight-in-teenagers/?_r=0)

High Cost of Youth Sports

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/visualnewscom/high-cost-of-youth-sports\\_b\\_3469012.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/visualnewscom/high-cost-of-youth-sports_b_3469012.html)

Katie Couric's Notebook: Kids and Sports

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=3683084n>

or another link to the video housed on the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project website

<http://readingandwritingproject.com/public/themes/rwproject/resources/assessments/performance/2012-2013/Fall%202012%20Performance%20Assessment%20Information/8th%20Grade%20Performance%20Assessments//8th%20Grade%20Assessment%20Video%201.mp4>

Competitive Sports—News Segment by Adrienne Bankert KCRW.com

<http://readingandwritingproject.com/public/themes/rwproject/resources/assessments/performance/2012-2013/Fall%202012%20Performance%20Assessment%20Information/8th%20Grade%20Performance%20Assessments//8th%20Grade%20Assessment%20Video%202.mp4>