

Sport

A Very Short Introduction

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Questions for Thought and Discussion

- What is Sport?
- How do the Ancient Greeks organise their sports?
- Why do Ancient Roman sports appear so violent?
- Why is the advent of rules so important in the development of sport?
- How important is gambling in the emergence of modern sport?
- Why does Britain emerge as the birthplace of modern sport?
- How does sport spread around the world?
- Why does the United States develop its own forms of sport?
- Do you think that the amateur ethos in sport is important?
- Is contemporary sport too linked to big business?
- Why have international bodies such as FIFA and the International Olympic Committee become so powerful?
- Is there too much money in modern sport?
- Should sports be ethical?
- Do sports federations take strong enough action against athletes who break the rules?
- Should we care how athletes behave off the field of play?
- Is sport a good thing?

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