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Edge Level A Unit 2 Cluster 3

“Calling a Foul”

____ 1. If this news commentary was rewritten as a newspaper article, which title would be most accurate?

- F. “Helping Your Child Athlete Be a Good Sport”
- G. “Balanced Diets Make Good Young Athletes”
- H. “Volunteer Coaches Are the Backbone of Youth Sports”
- I. “Youth Sports and Parental Rage—A Bad Mix”

____ 2. Which statement about Sandra Cisneros and Stan Simpson is NOT true?

- A. Cisneros wanted her parents to be involved in her desire to be an author and Simpson writes of parents that are too involved in their children’s sporting events.
- B. Cisneros is of Mexican-American heritage and Simpson is an African-American.
- C. Cisneros is a nonfiction writer and Simpson is a writer of fiction.
- D. Cisneros earns her living by writing books and Simpson earns his living by a newspaper column.

____ 3. Which best defines Stan Simpson’s writing style as a columnist?

- F. He writes emotional and sometimes humorous observations of life around him.
- G. He summarizes the week’s sporting events in his area.
- H. He collects and communicates information about current events, people, and issues.
- I. He gathers and relates facts, and then he writes opinions based on those facts.

____ 4. Read the sentence from the news commentary.

And it’s not unusual for parents to be banned from a game until they can control their emotions.

Which statement is most similar in meaning to the excerpt above?

- A. Parents are emotionally involved in the welfare of their children, and sometimes they cheer loudly for their child’s team.
- B. All too often young athletes misbehave during a game, and their parents must take them home until they can control their behavior.
- C. Usually parents are welcomed to attend their child’s sporting events in order to support the young athletes and their hard-working coaches.
- D. It is common for parents to be officially forbidden to attend their child’s sporting activity until they can behave properly.

____ 5. Why do Sandra Cisneros and Stan Simpson write?

- F. Cisneros writes to entertain readers while Simpson writes to inform readers.
- G. Cisneros writes to please her father while Simpson writes to please the newspaper subscribers.
- H. Cisneros writes to tell about the Mexican-American culture while Simpson writes to address issues of importance to the African-American community.
- I. Cisneros writes on topics assigned by her college professors while Simpson writes about topics assigned by his sports editor.