

Writing: Match the parts of an essay

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| _____ 1. Thesis statement | a. The first major shift has been the increase in the commercialization of sports. |
| _____ 2. Body paragraph 1: Topic sentence | b. Since the 1980s, professional basketball and soccer leagues for women have been formed, creating opportunities for women to earn money playing the sports that they love and excel at. |
| _____ 3. A supporting detail for body paragraph 1 | c. The seasons for many sports have gotten longer, and athletes often train all year with professional trainers. |
| _____ 4. Body paragraph 2: Topic sentence | d. Commercialization refers to the focus on selling the product and making a profit. |
| _____ 5. A supporting detail for body paragraph 2 | e. Over the past 50 years, sports in the United States have become more commercial, competitive, and gender-neutral. |
| _____ 6. Body paragraph 3: Topic sentence | f. Another big change has been the rise of women in sports. |
| _____ 7. A supporting detail for body paragraph 3 | g. As sports have become big businesses, athletes at all levels have trained and played with more intensity. |