



Heroes vs. Villains

I can analyze how sports fans use perception and reality to create heroes and villains

- Favorite player?
 - Why?
- Player you hate?
 - Why?
- What about teams?

Who is your...

- Group-membership creates self-categorization & enhancement that favors the in-group (us) at the expense of the out-group (them).
- The groups we belong to and the teams we cheer for influence our self-identity.

Social Identity theory

- Form an emotional attachment to a team that is out of the normal.
- These people live & die with a team



Deep Fan

- Perception:
 - Who we *think* they are as people and athletes
- Reality:
 - Who they *actually are* as people and athletes *based on their actions and what they say*

**How do we create heroes
and villains?**

- “Why do we need heroes? Why do we look up to people like Bo Jackson? Because we’re less than perfect. And we are always looking for perfection – somebody who can do it better than we can, somebody who can be an example to us of what we can do, what we can be. That’s why Bo is important, because he offers us the hope and example of being something more than we alone think we might be.”
- Which of the 8 motivations for why we are sports fans are represented in this quote.

Why do we need heroes?

- Legendary stories
 - Almost a folklore like feeling when talking about them
- Perfection
 - We idolize perceived perfection because we are less than perfect
 - We want to see someone accomplish what we can't do
- Humble
 - Not arrogant about their abilities
 - “He is so good, and he doesn't even care”
- Class
 - Treats others with respect and treats the game with respect

How do we create a hero?

- 30 for 30
- As we watch, take notes on the notes guide. These notes will help you with your reflection paragraph.

“You Don’t Know Bo”

HEROES VS. VILLAINS

Agenda:

1. Finish “You Don’t Know Bo”
 2. Villain Notes
 3. Begin “I Hate Christian Laettner”
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- How does Bo Jackson exemplify the “hero” character in the sporting world?
 - Use examples from the 30 for 30
- Consider how fans create a hero
 - Legendary stories, perceived perfection, humbleness, class etc.

Bo Jackson & the “Hero” Character

- “We all love a good villain, well we love to hate a good villain. In the world of entertainment, were not talking about someone who is truly evil. Rather, a person who represents an institution or ideal we despise. And sports are like a fun-house mirror to the real world, the bad guys we can boo and hiss. All the things we resent in life get personified and projected onto TV screens and jumbotron. Our athletes can do no wrong, their athletes are jerks.”
- Which of the 8 motivations for why we are sports fans are represented in this quote.

Why do we need the villain?

- Perceived advantage
 - People don't like when a person or team has it all or seems to have it all. We like an underdog.
- Confidence
 - Fans don't like players who are arrogant
- “The Bully”
 - We want to see the little guy to win. We want nice guys to finish first, not last.
- Greatness
 - Becomes boring. More you win, the more you're hated for it.
- Prolonged Perfection
 - We resent perfection over a long period of time

How do we create a villain?

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“I Hate Christian Laettner”



Heroes/Villains Reflection

Agenda:

1. Review “I Hate Christian Laettner”
 2. Heroes/Villains Reflection Paragraph
 3. Review for Quiz
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- How does Christian Laettner exemplify the “villain” character in the sporting world?
 - Use examples from the 30 for 30
- Consider how fans create a villain
 - Perceived advantage, confidence, the bully, greatness, perfection, etc.

Christian Laettner & the “Villain” Character

- Choose one of the paragraph options.
- You must have:
 - A clear thesis statement
 - At least two pieces of evidence (one from each 30 for 30)
 - Thorough analysis of the evidence and argument
 - Concluding thought
- Due at the end of class!

Paragraph

Sports Motivations Quiz

Agenda:

1. Review for Quiz
 2. Sports Motivations Quiz
 3. 30 for 30 Short: The Bad boy of Bowling
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- You have 20 minutes for the quiz.
- Please write in complete sentences
- If you need more space, use the back side of the sheet

Sports Motivation Quiz

- Watch and Enjoy!
- No notes!
- [Bad Boy of Bowling](#)

30 for 30 Short: The Bad Boy of Bowling
