

## Debate/Persuasive Essay Assignment

- \* Next Friday we will engage in a formal debate on the topic of college athletes being paid.
- \* The debate will be judged by at least one administrator (Mr. McGinn or Ms. Rich), a teacher and a student.
- \* On Friday you will also turn in a 3-5 page, typed persuasive essay on either side of the debate; you choose what side you want to write about.
- \* You will not be absent on Friday. If you are, I will need a doctor's note outlining your illness and your reason for missing this important event. Without this confirmation of illness you will receive no credit for the debate or the essay.

### Assessment

- \* The paper will be graded on the VT State rubric using a point system similar to that of the Response to Literature. You can earn up to 20 points on the paper.
- \* The debate will be judged on the strength of each argument/rebuttal you make. In order to avoid a tie, one group will be chosen at the beginning of the debate to provide four (4) pieces of evidence. Each group will need to be prepared to present three or four arguments. The group selected to present four arguments will have the benefit of going first and last. Your group can 'steal' an argument from the opposition if your rebuttal is stronger than their argument. The members of the winning team, that are present at the debate, will receive 10 additional points for the quarter grade.