

## FINAL PAPER PROMPT

**DUE DATE: 5 p.m., Thursday, May 10**

**PAGE LENGTH: 7-10 pages**

**STYLE: MLA or APA (Be consistent with citations and/or endnotes)**

**Double-spaced, 12-point Cambria/Times New Roman font**

Throughout the course of this semester, you have read about, discussed and studied capitalism/Marxism, the Sport-Media Complex, racism, militarism of sport, sexism and myths involved in “big-time” college athletics.

For your FINAL, you are required to read one of the following books:

- "Scoreboard, Baby" by Ken Armstrong and Neil Perry
- "Where Men Win Glory" by John Krakauer
- "Missoula" by John Krakauer
- "Unsportsmanlike Conduct: College Football and the Politics of Rape" by Jessica Luther
- "Indentured: The Inside Story of the Rebellion Against the NCAA" by Joe Nocera

These are all non-fiction books with topics connected directly - *or indirectly* - with the issues you studied in the class (none more important than **CAPITALISM.**)

For your final paper, you will explicitly detail these connections.

**You will do this by answering the following question:**

- *What does this book have to do with capitalism and the sports-media complex?*

That’s a lot of pages to deal with such a simple-sounding question. But, take note: The issues at work in each of those books are COMPLEX. And, connecting those issues to what you learned in our class is of the utmost importance, here.

**The final paper is *not* a book review.** I have read them – I don't need a rundown!

While you may cite any reading we have already done in the class, anything else you come across, notes from lectures/discussions (cite the date) or from your own exams or papers (still must cite them), **do not write an extended response paper.**

*This is a rigorous academic paper that requires you identify larger theoretical questions, create hypotheses about the questions and support those hypotheses.*

The [rubric found here](#) remains in play. I suggest you read it before writing.