

## Writing Prompts - Middle School

Use the following ideas for classroom discussion or a writing assignment:

### Lesson in Losing

One of the teams playing in today's game will lose. Losing is inevitable. Overcoming losses is an important part of sports and school.

1. Consider the Conrad Hilton quote: "Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit." Discuss or write about someone who made mistakes, but is successful because they did not quit. How did they work through their mistakes? How did it contribute to their success?
2. Describe a time in which you lost a game or made a mistake, but learned a valuable lesson.
3. What character skills does a person need to "keep moving" after making a mistake?

### Managing Priorities

The athletes on both teams are also students who missed classes to compete. They will have to make up the work they missed.

1. Make a list of at least five tips you would give these student-athletes to balance the demands of sports and school.
2. What character skills do student-athletes need to be successful in the classroom and in their sport?