



Embrace the NBA All-Star Game as Top Entertainment!

Description

"Goodbye to the old days," Nikki Giovanni wrote in a book.

People talk about how NBA All-Star Games used to be more competitive. They want players to try harder. But times have changed. Today's players are more athletic and play a tough schedule. The All-Star Game is more for fun now.

The NBA has tried many things to make the All-Star Game exciting again. But it's hard to make an exhibition game competitive. This year, they had a mini-tournament format, but it didn't make much of a difference. The real competition comes in the playoffs, not in an All-Star Game.

Next year, the NBA could honor the Harlem Globetrotters and the New York Renaissance team. These historic teams were important in basketball history. This could be a way to recognize Black history in basketball.

Learning about the history of these teams might make players take the game more seriously. It would be a meaningful tribute and a way to celebrate the Black men who played for these iconic teams.

The All-Star Game is just for fun, but honoring these teams would be a powerful tribute to basketball history.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Competitive** /kəm'petɪtɪv/ (adjective): Involving competition; able to compete.
2. **Exhibition** /,ɛksɪ'bɪʃən/ (noun): A public display or demonstration of something.
3. **Tribute** /'trɪbjʊ:t/ (noun): An act statement or gift intended to show gratitude respect or admiration.
4. **Athletic** /æθ'letɪk/ (adjective): Physically strong fit and active.
5. **Recognize** /'rɛkəɡnaɪz/ (verb): Identify or acknowledge something or someone as being valid or important.
6. **Meaningful** /'mi:nɪŋfəl/ (adjective): Having significance or purpose.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. According to the text, how have NBA All-Star Games changed over time?



- Option: They have become more competitive
- Option: Players are less athletic now
- Option: They are primarily focused on playoffs
- Option: They are now more for fun

2. What did the NBA try to make the All-Star Game exciting again this year?

- Option: Adding new teams to the roster
- Option: Implementing a mini-tournament format
- Option: Changing the game rules
- Option: Increasing player salaries

3. What could be a way to recognize Black history in basketball according to the text?

- Option: Honoring the Miami Heat
- Option: Celebrating current NBA stars
- Option: Honoring the Harlem Globetrotters and New York Renaissance team
- Option: Hosting more All-Star Games

4. What is the main purpose of the All-Star Game according to the text?

- Option: To determine the best team in the NBA
- Option: To showcase individual player talents
- Option: To simulate playoff intensity
- Option: To provide entertainment and fun

5. How does the text suggest players might react to learning about the historic teams?

- Option: Become less interested in basketball
- Option: Take the game more seriously
- Option: Ignore basketball history
- Option: Quit playing basketball

6. What would honoring the historic teams be according to the text?

- Option: A requirement for players
- Option: An unnecessary distraction
- Option: A powerful tribute to basketball history
- Option: An irrelevant gesture

True-False

7. According to the text, NBA All-Star Games used to be more competitive.



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8. The real competition in basketball comes during the All-Star Game according to the text.
 9. Next year, the NBA plans to honor the Miami Heat team.
 10. The main focus of the All-Star Game is now entertainment rather than competition.
 11. The historic teams mentioned, Harlem Globetrotters and New York Renaissance, were important in basketball history.
 12. Learning about the history of iconic basketball teams may not impact players' seriousness towards the game as per the text.

Gap-Fill

13. The NBA All-Star Game used to be more _____, but now it's more for fun.
14. The real competition in basketball comes in the _____, not in an All-Star Game.
15. Next year, the NBA could honor the Harlem Globetrotters and the New York Renaissance team to recognize _____ in basketball.
16. Learning about the history of these teams might make players take the game more _____.
17. Honoring these historic teams would be a powerful tribute to basketball _____.
18. The All-Star Game is just for _____, but honoring these teams would be meaningful.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. They are now more for fun 2. Implementing a mini-tournament format 3. Honoring the Harlem Globetrotters and New York Renaissance team 4. To provide entertainment and fun 5. Take the game more seriously 6. A powerful tribute to basketball history

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. competitive 14. playoffs 15. Black history 16. seriously 17. history 18. fun



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What activity involves supporting or actively encouraging a cause venture or product?
Option: Celebrating
Option: Promoting
Option: Outstanding
Option: Uplift
2. Which term refers to discrimination or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief in one's own race's superiority?
Option: Settlement
Option: Racism
Option: Authenticity
Option: Opportunities
3. What type of income is not subject to taxation?
Option: Competitive
Option: Meaningful
Option: Tax-free
Option: Dedication
4. What are funds disbursed or given by an organization often a government for a specific purpose?
Option: Grants
Option: Exhibition
Option: Function
Option: Legal
5. Which term means exceptionally good or remarkable?
Option: Recognize
Option: Tribute
Option: Outstanding
Option: Athletic
6. What describes a situation where there is rivalry between two or more parties striving for the same goal?
Option: Comparisons
Option: Developments
Option: Competitive
Option: Mental Health



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7. Which term means creating a sense of interest and enthusiasm?
Option: Exciting
Option: Ceremony
Option: Performance
Option: Documentary
8. What term refers to favorable circumstances or chances for advancement or progress?
Option: Uplift
Option: Opportunities
Option: Settlement
Option: Vulgarly
9. What activity involves acknowledging and observing an event or achievement with joy or festivity?
Option: Dedication
Option: Celebrating
Option: Ceremony
Option: Insulting
10. Which term describes something significant purposeful or full of meaning?
Option: Function
Option: Meaningful
Option: Performance
Option: Tribute

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. A legal _____ is an official agreement intended to resolve a dispute or conflict.
12. To succeed one must show a high level of _____ to their goals and aspirations.
13. Making _____ helps individuals evaluate similarities and differences between different things.
14. The main _____ of education is to provide knowledge and skills for personal and societal development.
15. A _____ is a gesture action or gift that is intended to show gratitude respect or



admiration.

16. It is important to _____ the efforts and achievements of others to foster a positive environment.

17. In the world of sports an athlete's _____ is often a reflection of their hard work and training.

18. Acts of kindness and encouragement can greatly _____ someone who is going through a difficult time.

19. Physical strength agility and endurance are key attributes for an individual pursuing an _____ career.

20. A _____ film aims to document reality and present factual information on a particular subject.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Understanding the complexities of contracts and regulations is crucial in the field of law.
22. Using derogatory language to belittle someone is considered rude and disrespectful.
23. Crude language or behavior that is considered offensive or inappropriate in social settings is often referred to as vulgarity.
24. A formal event to mark a special occasion such as a wedding or graduation is typically called a ceremony.
25. Caring for one's emotional well-being and seeking help when needed are essential aspects of maintaining good mental health.
26. Being true to oneself and genuine in interactions is a quality often associated with authenticity.
27. Believing in one's abilities and making decisions without constant self-doubt are signs of confidence.



28. Being open to new experiences and challenges can lead to exciting opportunities for personal growth.

29. Continuous learning and adapting to new circumstances are key factors in personal and professional development.

30. A concert dedicated to honoring the musical legacy of a famous artist is a fitting tribute.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Promoting 2. Racism 3. Tax-free 4. Grants 5. Outstanding 6. Competitive 7. Exciting 8. Opportunities 9. Celebrating 10. Meaningful

Gap-Fill: 11. Settlement 12. Dedication 13. Comparisons 14. Function 15. Tribute 16. Recognize 17. Performance 18. Uplift 19. Athletic 20. Documentary

Matching sentence: 1. Legal 2. Insulting 3. Vulgarly 4. Ceremony 5. Mental Health 6. Authenticity 7. Confidence 8. Opportunities 9. Development 10. Tribute

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