The origins and impact of your fandom

Directions: Below are links to a series of articles about sports fandom. They cover a variety of topics and provide various analytical viewpoints. You are going to read your assigned article, answer the questions about it and then make a poster that shares highlights of your reading with the class.

- 1. How We Become Sports Fans: The Tyranny Of Fathers (NPR)
- 2. The Psychology of Being a Sports Fan (Seattle Times)
- 3. The Science of Being a Sports Fan What does it mean to be "addicted" to your favorite team? (Smithsonian Magazine)
- 4. The Thrill of Defeat for Sports Fans (NYT)
- 5. The psychology of why sports fans see their teams as extensions of themselves (Washington Post)
- 6. Why Sports Fans are Sports Fans (blog)
- 7. The Psychology Of Social Sports Fans: What Makes Them So Crazy? (Sports Networker)

Questions for you to consider and briefly respond to for your article:

1. What aspects of the article(s) match up with what we have discussed in class about the factors of a sports fan? Please identify two specific details from the article(s).

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2. What theories or explanations are presented in the article that help to explain why people become sports fans? Explain the theory(s).

3.	Were there any ideas, theories or explanations that you identified with in a personal way? (i.e. did you personally associate with one/some more than others?) How so?
4.	Were there any ideas, theories or explanations that you disagreed with? If so, what about the information made you question it?
	you finish the questions, please make a poster that answers the question using details from eading. You will share these posters in the next class. "What are some of the factors that influence the development of our fandom?"