

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

