

RESEARCH QUESTIONS you should be able to answer:

1. **Background (athlete & issue):**

- a. Who are they and what were they famous for? (Sports fame, teams played on, years of play, accomplishments, etc.)
- b. What was their issue? (Give details on the issue(s) they were focused on.)

2. **= Connection to the time:**

- a. What was happening at the time in the US?
  - i. (Make sure it relates to them... for instance, if they were a black man in the 1950s, you might talk about how the US was segregated and racism was an issue.)
- b. What made them get involved or feel personally connected to the issue?
  - i. (For instance, if they're gay and speaking out for LGBT issues in the 1990s, the national ban on gay marriage and various anti-gay laws might be something they personally experience and feel compelled to speak out against.)

3. **= Athlete's actions:**

- a. What did they do to protest/raise attention for their issue? Consider how their actions were connected to the issue. (i.e., NFL players entering the stadium with hands raised in a don't shoot position was a symbolic and direct response to police shootings of unarmed black men.)

4. **= Athlete's influence/impact:**

- a. How did fans, players and the league respond to their protest?
  - i. Consider how the athlete was viewed BEFORE / AFTER their protest. Were people supportive? If not, what penalty did they face for their protest?
- b. What impact in the short term did the athlete have on the issue they were protesting?

5. **= Athlete's legacy:**

- a. What was their legacy or lasting impact? (What, if anything, changed long term because of their activism? How do people remember the athlete today? How did they change things for people who came after them?)

TEXT SOURCES (MLA citation, not just URL):