Dodgeball TDA (Sample)

Ducking, rolling, spinning, jumping, and aiming for your target are all skills needed to

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play dodgeball. However, not all people believe dodgeball is a sport that should be played in

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school as described in the article “Debate! Should Dodgeball be Banned in Schools?” by the

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TIME for Kids Staff. The dodgeball debate is one that has created controversy among some

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schools’ staff, students, and parents for a variety of reasons.

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One reason people argue against dodgeball is because the game can be embarrassing

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for students. For example, in paragraph two of the article, Neil Williams, a physical education

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professor, says, “The game allows the stronger kids to pick on and target the weaker kids.” Mr.

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Williams is describing the opportunity dodgeball gives stronger kids to embarrass less athletic

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students. Another embarrassing factor of dodgeball is found in paragraph three when the author

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points out that once a child is hit by a ball, he or she spends the remainder of the game sitting

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on the bench. This forces less athletic students to feel excluded. Overall, those who are less

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skilled at dodgeball are left feeling embarrassed in front of their peers.

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Body Paragraph 2: Transition, discuss ideas and evidence... “A second reason some

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people are against dodgeball…”

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Body Paragraph 3: Transition, discuss ideas and evidence… “Those who support

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dodgeball have counterarguments to those who do not support dodgeball.”

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In the article “Debate! Should Dodgeball be Banned in Schools?” by the TIME for Kids

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Staff, the arguments for and against dodgeball are discussed. Those who are against dodgeball

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say that the game can embarrass students and become dangerous, possibly causing bullying.

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Supporters of dodgeball argue that the game helps students build various skills and can provide

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fun social time. Overall, both sides provide support for their side of this ongoing debate.