

**Prompt**

**Agree or disagree with this statement:**

**“Intense competition among teenagers (in sports, jobs, schools, etc.) is a good thing which prepares young people for life in adult society.”**

**Paper #1**

Well I pretty much disagree with that statement. It could help some people. Like it could get people prepared for the real world.

Anyways, some people are just too immature for all that. A lot of kids hold grudges against people. People end up getting too competitive. If people end up winning or getting what they want, they get an idea that it'll always be that way. But in reality it isn't always going to be like that.

For example, when I played softball teams were really competitive and hated each other. After games people would fight and call each other names.

I don't know how else to explain it. But it can change someone, and make them a bad or like not nice person, you know? That's not how I would want to be, and I definitely wouldn't want to be around someone like that so not only will it change you, but it can make you think you're better than everyone else. It doesn't work like that later on. Trust me, I've learned from it, and so have a lot of people.

P.S. sorry if this didn't make sense. Ha I didn't know what to write.

## **Paper #2**

Competition is an easily recognizable part of any kid's daily life. "Who did best on the math test?"

"I did!"

"Who won the soccer game?"

"We did!"

"Who did the most number of community service hours?"

"I did!"

Small competitions like these are unavoidable, and competition will be part of your life from cradle to grave. Competition is a building block for life, and intense competitions in the teen years prepare you for life.

Intense competition may put stress on the teen, but if there was none, how would they ever be prepared for life beyond school? There are always going to be people who want the same thing as you and are willing to work just as hard as you to get it. If adults weren't prepared for this, they may give up and become much more frustrated than if they were used to the competition in their earlier years. If competition disappeared from our American culture, we wouldn't be anywhere as near globally competitive as we are now. Early competition in a teen's life certainly prepares them for years beyond.

Competition while a teen not only gives you a better background for years beyond, but also starts building habits for years beyond as well. If a student is always working hard to get the best grade on a math test, it is also likely that this same student once in the "real world" will work just as hard on his/her fiscal report, resulting in a possible promotion and pay raise. If teens get the chance to practice competing for pay raises, it is likely they will do better in the actual competition. Not only will it improve the actions of the individual, but the company or institution will be more successful. Everyone needs a chance to practice, even practicing living in a competitive world.

Competition as a teen can also be beneficial in a person's social life. Whether it is a teammate, a member of an opposing team, even a peer vying for a grade, competition helps you understand others. Competition prepares you for life by teaching you how to work out conflicts and maybe even creating friends.

Competition prepares you for life (there is no denying it), and therefore is a very good thing to have in a teen's life. It teaches you how to work hard as well as overcome conflicts, and without it, we'd all be losers.

### **Paper #3**

I agree that intense competition among teenagers in sports, jobs or even school is a good thing. First of all they strive to be better than what they were doing. Second of all, it will help with their future. I think competition among teenagers is a good thing.

First, it will help them strive to be better at everything they do. For example, if you get a "C" on a paper, and someone else gets an "A", you are most likely wanting the "A" that they got. So next time you get an assignment like that, you will work harder to get either an "A" or a higher grade. Everyone has some pride and no one wants everyone to know you got a poor grade.

Another reason is this, if they strive, they'll get better grades, and better grades mean the college you want. If you get the college of your choice you get a good career and are happy with whatever job you choose. Most everyone wants a good paying job, right? Well I do at least. To help my family and others too and it's a good feeling not to worry about money, you know? The competition actually helps you, or other teenagers in the future.

Competition is good amongst teenagers. If you have competition, you get challenged, if you're challenged, you work harder. As you work harder, you also get better grades, and that is good for your future. So go out and be challenged.

#### **Paper #4: Competition Among Teenagers**

It is important for all teenagers to have competition in their everyday activities such as jobs, school, and sports. Without it, teenagers are not prepared for the competition they will face during adulthood.

Once a teenager becomes an adult, competition does not disappear. In fact, it tends to become even more intense. When an adult applies for a job, there is always competition in who will get the job. The adult has to make them stand out in some way, and that may require more of their time and effort. The same idea goes for teenagers. When a teenager tries to get on the top ten grades list at school, they usually have an intense amount of competition. In order to help them get the highest grade, they, too, must put more of their time and effort into getting good grades in order to reach their goal.

Think of a movie star that you know. The odds are that they didn't become famous overnight. Most likely, they had to start out on the bottom, possibly by taking acting lessons in order to get experience. After that, many of those stars had to move out to where all the business is, like Los Angeles. Then, they probably took a lot of small jobs, such as doing a commercial for a local business, or performing at a local theater. And if they got lucky, somebody in the acting business may have noticed them. They might have asked them to audition for a part in a movie. If they were good enough, they may have got the part and managed to work their way up from there to eventually become a well-known movie star. But without the competition facing them every step of the way, they wouldn't have been able to make their way to the top.

The idea of a movie star having to work their way up to becoming famous further enforces this idea that teenagers need competition in their lives. Without this competition, the movie star wouldn't have gotten any better, and they wouldn't have tried as hard as they had to reach their goal. Competition makes teenagers try harder at what they do, and that makes them better and more likely to stand out when they do something like applying for a job during their adulthood. Without competition, nobody would have any motivation to try harder.

