Sports and Culture

Read Pages 496-509 and answer the following questions.

1. What is the difference between a sport and a game?
2. Give an example of how sports reflect inequality in American society.
3. What is one example showing how values are affected by sports subcultures? Give an example of a value you see associated with a particular sport.
4. What is a sport paradox? Give an example.
5. What are the four functions of sport in society?
6. Sports establish formal roles for teams in the form of positions (center, guard, quarterback, ect). What are two examples of informal roles that exist on teams?
7. Look at the map on page 506. Why do you think there is such wide variation in the number of Olympic medals earned by different countries?
8. What do you think sociologists can learn about different cultures based on their success in the Olympics?
9. Explain how a conflict theorist may see the same sporting event or pattern in a different way from a functionalist.
10. How is self-concept influenced by sports? Give a specific example.