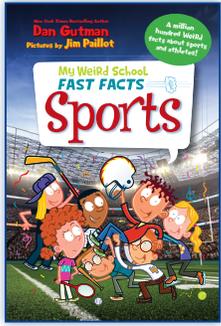


# PUT ON YOUR GAME FACE



How do you feel about girls playing sports with boys on the same team? Today, girls are kicking field goals on the football team and hitting slap shots in the hockey rink. So why isn't everyone cheering for them? Let's see what A.J. and Andrea from *My Weird School Fast Facts: Sports* by Dan Gutman have to say about this subject. Play by the rules below to get started.



**RULE #1:** Team up with a partner to write dialogue between A.J. and Andrea. Imagine what they would each say in a conversation about girls playing on boys' sports teams. Make sure to get into character so it really sounds like A.J. and Andrea.

**RULE #2:** Serve up evidence to support both A.J.'s and Andrea's opinions. With your parents' permission, Google "girls playing boy sports" for some facts to use in their discussion.

**RULE #3:** Catch up on the negatives argued ("girls aren't as fast," "girls aren't as strong," and "girls react more slowly") through your research.

**RULE #4:** Get a heads-up on the positives argued ("co-ed teams are good for friendship building" and "smashing stereotypes") with your research.

**RULE #5:** Lawyer up and research a law called Title IX.

**RULE #6:** Speak up by reading your dialogue to your classmates with good expression and at an understandable pace. Practice with your partner a few times before you both *put on your game face* and read like A.J. and Andrea.

## A.J.'S OPINIONS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## ANDREA'S OPINIONS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Addresses the following ELA Common Core Reading and Writing Standards: W. 3.3B – 4.4B; RF. 3.4B – 4.4B

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