**“Mayans 1, Olmecs 1”**

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1. **Text Structure – The writer presents his** *proposition* **in the opening lines of this essay. State the proposition of this article in your own words.**

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1. **Visualize – In the space below, draw the two types of rings described in lines 9 – 11.**
2. **Text Structure – Underline an expert opinion in lines 13 – 15 that supports the writer’s proposition.**

…consequences. Scholars believe that the competitors used their shoulders, elbows, hips, or knees to knock a hard rubber ball through the ring, but could not use their hands.

1. **Infer – Underline the details in lines 19 – 22 that help you infer that scoring was rare in the Native American game.**

…out of their heads chopped off. Because the hole in the ring was not large and the ring itself was high up off the ground, a made shot was probably rare and the game was mostly a social ritual. Still, people must have died in those ancient ball courts.

1. **Identify – As you read lines 24 – 31, underline the places where basketball was played as the sport developed.**

“The sport spread throughout Mexico and moved north all the way to Arizona, where the Aztecs traveled and traded with the Native Americans. A centuries-old ball court has been found at the tourist town of Sedona. The ‘inventor’ of modern basketball, Dr. James Naismith, who was living in Springfield, Massachusetts, at the turn of the nineteenth century, **adapted** the old Indian game to the modern world. He nailed a peach basket to the side of a…”

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1. **Compare & Contrast – List one similarity and one difference between basketball as it was played by Native Americans and basketball as it was “invented” by Dr. James Naismith.**
2. **Interpret – What details indicate that the writer feels Naismith doesn’t deserve the credit he’s received for inventing basketball?**

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**Proposition-and-Support Chart: An important idea or opinion is called a** *proposition***. In most cases, writers support their propositions with a variety of reasons. Look back through “Mayans 1, Olmecs 1” and any notes you took. Then, use the chart below to identify the support that the writer gives to support the proposition.**

**Support: Support:**

**Proposition:**

Basketball was not invented

by white or black Americans

but by Native Americans.

**Support: Support:**

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**Vocabulary & Comprehension**

1. **Selection Vocabulary** Write the Word Bank words on the blanks to complete this paragraph. Use each word only once.

**Word Bank**

**Parallel Overtones Ritual Adapted**

There are several similarities between the Native American game and the game Dr. James Naismith (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to create modern basketball. For example, both games are played on a rectangular court with a ring at each end. However, in the older game the ring was perpendicular, not (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the ground. There are other differences between the games as well. The older game was a solemn (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that had religious (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as seen by the temples built on either side of the ball courts.

1. **Reading Comprehension** Answer each question below.
2. Describe the way early Native American basketball players scored points.
3. How did basketball spread from Mexico to Arizona?
4. Name two changes Dr. James Naismith made to basketball when he modernized it.