Games 101 Week2

What is sport?

* Sport are games
* Player skill plays a central role
* Usually physical, with focus on athletics
* Large-scale institutional structure
  + Leagues, organizations tournaments
* Global, official, shared, universal

Identify something beyond himself

**Key word:**

**Merriam-Webster defines fanatic:**

Marked by excessive enthusiasm and often intense uncritical devotion

Competition

* Who is the Best
* What is possible
* Sports are contests
  + objective
* Competition for it’s own sake
* What do we value talent hard work?
* Why do we root for the underdog?
* What does it mean to cheat?

Experience / Spectacle

Decision / Action

Drama Machines

For performance

Bigger than the Game

The moment that play.

**Key Games:**

**Basketball**

Date: Date 1891 CE

Developer: James Naismith

Type: Ball game

Region: USA

Why basketball?

* Can be traced from the exact origin
* Tremendously popular
* Action
* Basic rules are simple, but allows for complex strategy
* Different roles (classes) based on skills, size, and strength

Fouls

**American Football**

Date: 1868 CE

Developer: Ca Walter Camp

Platform: Ball game

Region of Origin: USA

**Father of American Football**

Introduced

* Line of scrimmage
* The snap
* Distance requirement
* Scoring

Link to learn more about foot ball at:

[www.radiolab.com](http://www.radiolab.com)

* Roosevelt Saved Football

Study shows: 95.6 percent of NFL players tested positive for CTE

Why American Football

* Most popular American sport
* Strategic turn based like chess with people
* Raw aggression vs aesthetic beauty
* Violence balancing rules for safety vs staying true to the game
* Super bowl is the most watched annual sporting event

**The Olympic Games**

Date: 776 BCE

Developer: unknown

Platform: physical games various

Region of Origen: ancient Greece

**Why Olympics**

International competition

Amateurism

Nationalism

Sports as proxy for politics/war – Example: The 1936 Olympics

* Jesse Owens

USA guy

* Eero Mantyranta

Olympic Medals (3 Gold 2 Silver 2 Bronze)

Primary Familial and Congenital Polycythemia (PFCP)

**Association Football (Soccer)**

Date: 1845 CE

Developer: unknown

Platform: Ball game

Region of Origin: England

Why Association Football (Soccer)

* Most popular sport
* Very team oriented
* Very simple for a team sport
* Elegant ease of play
* The side effects of simplicity

The offside Rule

* Conditions
* In the opponent’s half of field
* In front of ball
* Fewer than 2 opposing players between player and goal line

**Cricket**

Date: 1700s CE

Developer: Unknown

Platform: Bat and ball

Region of Origin: England

**Why cricket**

* 2nd most popular sport
* team sport but very very individualized
* slow pace long matched (5 days long)
* spirt of the game that’s not cricket

In England’s former colonies

Baseball

Hockey / Ice Hockey

**Tennis**

Date 1100CE

Developer: Unknown

Platform: Ball and racket

Region of Origin: France

The endless Game

Why Tennis?

* Player vs player (rivalries)
* Popular for men and women
* Old sport, the “Game of the palms”, played by Royalty
* Game defined by contemporaries

Boxing

**Golf**

Date: 1400CE

Developer: Unknown

Platform: Ball and club

Region of Origin: Scotland

Why Golf?

Player vs physics

Player vs nature

Indirect competition

Nature modified to fit the Game (level design)

Babe Didrikson is Olympic game champion

**Sasuke (Ninja warrior)**

Date: 1997 CE

Developer Ushio Higuchi (producer)

Platform: Obstacle course

Region of Origen: Japan

American NIJIA Warrior:

Sport? Reality TV? Game Show?

Why Sasuke?

Other Sport:

Volleyball

Hippie Sports

Rock Climbing

Snow boarding

e-Sport (Video Games)

real time strategy – StarCraft

action strategy – DOTA, league of legends

Fighting Games – Street Fighter

**Formula One**

Date: 1946CE

Developer: Federation internatinale de I’Automobile FIA

Platform: Motorsport

Region of Origen: Western Europe

Big Ideas

Zombie Run

Arete:

Virtue excellence reaching your highest potential. Courage and strength in the face of adversity.