

## In-Class Prompt #5



Founded in 1967 the Seattle SuperSonics were one of three major professional sports teams in the city of Seattle for nearly three decades. However, after being purchased by Oklahoma City businessman Clay Bennett, the Sonics were moved from Seattle to Oklahoma City in 2008. Since they left, Seattle has had only two major professional sports teams in addition to several minor teams. In your opinion, should the city of Seattle make an effort to bring another major team to town?

### **Heck yes!**

- As a major city, Seattle should seek to attract major sports franchises in order to make the city more attractive.
- Key Arena, the corner piece of the Seattle Center is sitting empty. A high-rent tenant like an NHL or NBA team would help pay bills, attract business to downtown, and re-establish Seattle Center as an entertainment hub.

### **No freaking way.**

- Both the NBA and NHL have publicly stated that Key Arena would need to be remodeled if either league were to consider coming to Seattle. The costs have been estimated to be between 100 and 300 million dollars.
- Basketball has not fared well in Seattle for the last 15 years, and there is no guarantee that hockey will do any better. During an economic downturn it is not wise to be spending money we don't have on a sports franchise.

Remember! You **must** address your critics for any credit at all.

**1. Tell us what the paragraph will be about.**

*There are those who believe that...*

**2. Tell us why those folks are wrong.**

*However, this view is incorrect because...*

**3. Give us more than one reason.**

*Additionally, it is important to note that...*