

Sample – Quotation Sandwich “Give the Kids a Break”

The general argument made by **Steve Rushin in his December 2006, *Sports Illustrated* editorial titled “Give the Kids a Break,”** is that **the practice of shortening and even eliminating recess time for children is ultimately damaging our children’s health and well-being.** More specifically, he argues that **our strong focus on academics and fear of injury and lawsuits has all but eliminated the time-honored tradition of recreation.** He writes that **removing the emphasis on the “fourth R” will force school administrators to make the impossible choice between “child ignorance and childhood obesity.”** In addition, he writes that **eliminating recess altogether to prevent bullying on the playground is a bit like “scalping in an effort to end dandruff.”** In this passage, **Rushin** is suggesting that legislators, administrators, and parents seek to find a balance of activity for a child’s day. In conclusion, **Rushin’s belief** is that **recreation and recess is a fundamental human need worthy of preserving.**