

# Vale Middle School Reading Article

Shaq Surprises Florida Cop for Pickup Game With Kids After Viral Hoops Video (1490L)

Comprehension questions – answers may be in phrases.

1. What is a "slam dunk" as used in the text? an unusual success story

2. Explain the author's statement, "...the officer returned to the scene of the noncrime..."

the issue was never a problem or a crime in the first place

3. Define **backup** as used in the article.

bringing officers to play ball

4. What is a Shaq Attack?

a surprise from the basketball player

\* 5. Define **viral** as used in the text. Define **viral** as used in the medical field.

insane amount of views / an illness caused by a virus such as Ebola

7/8.RI.1,2,3,4

Answer each question in one or more complete sentences and by providing complete explanations.

claim  
1. In your opinion, was the officer's <sup>first</sup> initial response to the noise complaint effective? Cite evidence from the text to support your claim.

The officer really had two basic choices. One, he could go along with the complaint and cause a big scene, or he could develop a relationship with the kids. From the video, it's obvious Officer White went along with the kids. This opened up a door so the group of kids could make better choices and develop positive images of the police.

2. Explain Shaq's motive in playing ball with the cops and kids. (Why did he do this?) Cite evidence to support your explanation.

The reader truly understands Shaq's motive after watching the video. Likely, Shaq's motive was to help the kids understand that he was me just like them, and they can do anything they want. This was expressed throughout the entire second video but not in the text.

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3. Create a chart of the advantages and disadvantages of the use of video with this article. Provide a short explanation of your overall opinion regarding the use of video to support the text. Cite evidence from the text.

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
1. true message from Shaq was in the video 2. no story w/o the first video 3. emotion only comes w/ the video	1. requires Internet 2. possibly the focus wasn't enough on the kids 3. required a bit of background text

Most articles contain supporting videos. However, this article had supporting text instead. Without video too, the reader would never have known Shaq's true motive.

4. Review the following statistics from Shaquille O'Neal's career.

played professionally from 1992-2011	total career minutes played - 41,918
age 20 in 1992-93 season	free throw percentage - .527% <b>52.7%</b>
played in 1,207 games in his professional career	made 11,329 2-point field goals in his career
started in 1,197 games in his pro career	made 1 3-point field goal in his pro career

Answer each question, show your math. Provide a brief explanation (bullets)

How many total points did Shaq score from 2-point field goals? $\begin{array}{r} 11329 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline 22,658 \text{ points} \end{array}$	How many total points did Shaq score from 3-point field goals? $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 3 \text{ points} \end{array}$
How many total games did Shaq play in but did not start? $\begin{array}{r} \text{T.G} \\ \text{starts} \\ \hline 1207 \\ - 1197 \\ \hline 10 \text{ games} \end{array}$	For approximately how many total hours was Shaq on the court in his pro career? $\begin{array}{r} 41,918 \\ \div 60 \\ \hline = 698.63 \\ \approx 700 \text{ hrs} \end{array}$
How old is Shaquille O'Neal this year, based on the data? $\begin{array}{r} 2016 \\ - 1993 \\ \hline 23 \end{array}$	Shaq shot 499 free throws in his pro 2000-01 season. Based on his percentage above, about how many did he make? $\begin{array}{r} 499 \\ \times .527 \\ \hline 263 \text{ shots} \end{array}$

7/8.RI.5

Citation: <http://www.basketball-reference.com/players/o/onealsh01.html>

citing

Age 20

Add 20 + # yrs  
 $20 + 23 = 43$   
 yrs old

Shaq surprises Florida cop for pickup game with kids after viral hoops video. NBC News. January 24, 2016.

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**Instructions: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND MARGIN NOTES using the CLOSE reading strategies practiced in class. This requires reading of the article three times.**

**Step 1: Skim** the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, (-) disagree, (\*) important, (!) surprising, (?) wondering

**Step 2: Number** the paragraphs. **Read** the article **carefully** and **make notes in the margin**.

Notes should include:

- ✗ Comments that show that you **understand** the article. (A summary or statement of the main idea of important sections may serve this purpose.)
- ✗ Questions you have that show what you are **wondering** about as you read.
- Notes that differentiate between **fact** and **opinion**.
- ✗ Observations about how the **writer's strategies** (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

**Step 3: A final quick read** noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

Your **margin notes** are part of your score for this assessment. Answer the questions carefully in **complete sentences** unless otherwise instructed.

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## Shaq Surprises Florida Cop for Pickup Game With Kids After Viral Hoops Video

1 A Florida cop's heartwarming response to a noise complaint about kids playing basketball proved to be a slam dunk with someone who knows a thing or two about the game.

2 NBA all-star Shaquille O'Neal was among more than 14 million people who viewed video of Gainesville Police Officer Bobby White responding to a call about kids playing "loudly" in the street by joining the group in a game of hoops instead of shutting them down.



Florida Cop Slam Dunks Noise Complaint 1:38

Notes on my thoughts, reactions and questions as I read:

in title - makes title catchy  
fact can be YouTube views online  
likely neighbors  
# Hoops not crime  
likely depends on where it is posted.  
P.D. says "let kids be kids"

Wls gives an emotional aspect to the story makes more real → could easily be any U.S. town

go v cause the v tube channel

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- 3) The 4-time champ <sup>Shaq</sup> made a surprise stop at the Gainesville Police Department on Saturday to praise White and help the officer make good on a promise to "bring backup" for another pickup game with the kids.  
⇒ a police term where he meant bring officers to play ball
- 4) Dashcam footage of White responding to the noise complaint went viral after the department posted the video to its Facebook page on Thursday, with the message: "We're going to let kids be kids. We are going to focus on the ones that commit crimes. #HoopsNotCrime."  
good P.R. camera in cop car
- 5) The officer returned to the scene of the non-crime to challenge the kids to a rematch on Saturday.
- 6) "Told you I was gonna bring some backup, right? You guys ready?" White asks the kids. this is direct quote from video w/s
- 7) "Look at these big guys I brought. You sure you can take them?" he taunts, pointing to a group of officers. teases
- 8) That's when <sup>Shaq</sup> O'Neal emerges from an SUV to give the kids a true Shaq attack.  
gets out
- 9) "These kids will never forget the day Shaq rolled up to their house to play ball," the police department wrote on its Facebook page along with video of the game.  
fact that PD put this on their page
- 10) The officers and the "Kazaam" star played a game with the kids while a group of awestruck neighbors looked on, presumably without any more noise complaints.  
amazed

Notes on my thoughts, reactions and questions as I read:

usually the public sees the bad videos

Why did G.P.D. release this particular video?

Good P.R. (public relations) ?

opinion young & could easily forget although most of us agree

what is the complaining thinking?



'Basketball Cop' Gets Big Assist in Rematch 4:25

video showed a great deal more about Shaq's message  
what is Kazaam?

Looked it up - 1996 Shaq movie about a rapping genie