**Attention Getter:**

**In 2016, NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick became a free agent for refusing to stand during the national anthem.**

**Background:** **This caused protest, debate, and national controversy.**

**Proponents say: Some people believe that athletes should be able to refuse standing during the national anthem.**

**Opponents say: Opponents, however, argue that this is a sign of disrespect to the country.**

**Claim/ Thesis:**

A thesis is a single, focused sentence that reveals the argument of an essay. It is what you intend to argue.

Essential Question: Should athletes be able to refuse standing for the National Anthem?

Thesis/Claim: Athletes should be able to refuse standing for the national anthem because **it is an appropriate and justified way to protest justice, it makes people pay attention and generates national conversation, and it is a legal form of protest, which is our first amendment right.**

**Body 1**

**Topic sentence: Athletes refusing to stand for the national anthem is appropriate and justifiable when the United States is not living up to its ideals of freedom, liberty, and justice for all.**

**HOMEWORK: Topic Sentence for Body 2**

**Well written attention getters:**

**In 2016, NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick became a free agent for refusing to stand during the national anthem.**

**Colin Kaepernick used his celebrity status to bring attention to racial injustice and police brutality in the United States.**

**Nowadays, athletes have been using their platform to stand up against racial injustice in our nation.**