

# **Gender Equity in Sports**

## **Timeline Organizer**

Using details from the story and your background knowledge, compare boys' and girls' athletics at the following times.

	Boys	Girls
<b>1975</b>		
<b>1979</b>		
<b>Present</b>		
<b>Future</b>		

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Possible Answers:

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<b>1975</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play competitively in many sports</li> <li>• Cheerleaders, pep rallies, scoreboard</li> <li>• Nicer locker rooms</li> <li>• Play in large gyms (“boys’ gym”) and stadiums</li> <li>• Coaches are trained and paid well</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title IX recently passed</li> <li>• First girls’ basketball team</li> <li>• Not allowed to use gym with full-size court or weight room</li> <li>• Low-budget uniforms</li> <li>• Inexperienced coach hired</li> <li>• Not many spectators</li> </ul>
<b>1979</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share facilities with girls</li> <li>• College: scholarships and competitive play were goals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experienced coach hired</li> <li>• Allowed to use large gym and weight room</li> <li>• Warm-ups and nicer uniforms; names on scoreboard</li> <li>• College: play is possible but not at the level of boys’ teams; some scholarships available</li> </ul>
<b>Present</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equal facilities in schools</li> <li>• Boys can aspire to join men’s professional sports teams, many of which are hugely popular, and the players are well-compensated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equal facilities in schools</li> <li>• Professional teams exist for many women’s sports, but they’re generally not as popular, and the players aren’t as well-compensated, as men’s</li> </ul>
<b>Future</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2021, the Supreme Court decided in <i>Alston v. National Collegiate Athletic Association</i> that college athletes can benefit monetarily in new ways</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hope for viewership and sponsorship to be equal to boy’s and men’s teams at all levels</li> <li>• In 2021, the Supreme Court decided in <i>Alston v. National Collegiate Athletic Association</i> that college athletes can benefit monetarily in new ways; it is unknown if women athletes will benefit as much as men from this</li> </ul>