10/4/2017 Discussion

Current Events

Donald Trump rescinds White House invitation to Stephen Curry, Warriors

Readability Level: 7.0

For Discussion



Discuss

- 1. Define reiterate. (ESL: What is the difference between 'elaborate' as a verb and an adjective?)
- 2. What is the reason that Steph Curry doesn't want to go to the White House?
- 3. Do you think this is an appropriate response? Why or why not?
- 4. What other ways might Mr. Curry express his opinion? Would those be better? Explain.
- 5. Should President Trump have withdrawn the invitation? Why do you think he did so?
- 6. As the article says, this came shortly after President Trump criticized athletes who kneel for the national anthem. Mr. Trump has made "America First" a key part of his administration. Should the president get involved in sports discussions? Why or why not?
- 7. Alternatively, some sports figures are criticized for taking political positions. Should athletes stay silent on political issues, or should they speak out? Explain your reasoning.
- 8. The NFL has lost many viewers this year because of athletes who were seen as disrespectful for refusing to stand for the anthem. Should this affect the players' decisions? Do owners have a right to expect players to follow certain standards of behavior in order to keep their fan base happy?
- 9. Do you see Mr. Curry's statement as disrespectful to the president in any way? Explain.
- 10. What sacrifices would you be willing to make to stand up for your beliefs?