**Native American Mascot Research**

After discussing Native American mascots with the class, conduct your own research. Pick either a college or professional sports team with a Native American mascot and answer the following questions.

1. Name of team (e.g., University of Florida):
2. Name of the mascot (e.g., Seminoles):
3. How did the team decide on their mascot (what is the history behind their choice)?
4. Has the team ever thought of changing their name? Was there a choice?
5. Does the mascot represent or misrepresent Native Americans? Why or why not?
6. What other information is important in the discussion of the mascot?

**Further insight into the Native American mascot debate**

Using materials discussed in class or your own personal internet research, answer the following questions regarding the debate over Native American mascots and different people’s views on college and professional sports teams having to change their mascot name. List the resource you use to help answer the question (e.g., provide the url).

1. Provide two opinions that are pro Native American mascot name changes – why is it a good thing?
2. Provide two opinions that are against Native American mascot name changes – why should they be able to keep their names?
3. The controversy about Native American mascots raises many issues about local control, freedom of speech, entitlement, prejudice, stereotypes, and education. Discuss how these issues play a role in the Native American mascot debate and how you feel they are best dealt with.

**Be prepared to share your research with the class! ☺**