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Close Reading

Use the Sherman Alexie poem to help you answer the following questions:

1. Reread the poem and pay attention to everything the speaker says the basketball players hate. Type each item the players hate under the appropriate category in the following chart:

Parts of the Body	People	Objects or Things

2. In the first stanza, the speaker says some people think basketball “is just a game.” But for the speaker and his friends, it is something else. What word does he use to describe what basketball is for them?

3. What is the literal definition of *war*?
