The article acknowledges the simple existence of social roles by illustrating the potential conflict between academics and athletics in college. You should use the following questions to guide your understanding of this article.

Know the definition for: role engulfment, role domination, role abandonment, status, roles.

1. Which of the research methods discussed in class did Adler & Adler use to draw their findings?

2. Identify the four categories of players. What kind of people do the Adlers identify in each category?

3. Which three “role sets” provided the conflict for these college athletes?

4. Match the categories with the role sets. In other words how did the “bad niggas” (and the other three categories) perform athletically, academically, and socially?

5. In your opinion, which of the four categories of players most likely experienced the most painful role conflict? Why?

Consider the questions provided by the author:

6. What are the pressures faced by high-profile athletes?

7. What role responsibilities have you had that involve role engulfment and abandonment of former roles?