**Trophy Nation - Text Dependent Questions**

**“Losing Is Good for You” by Ashley Merryman**

1. What time of year was the article written? Why is this significant?
2. What does Merryman want parents to do? Explain.
3. What occurred in the 1960’s?
4. According to the article what happens when children are constantly rewarded? Provide a quote from the text to support your point.
5. Based on the reading, describe an example of a negative outcome caused by nonstop recognition.
6. What does “entitlement” and “narcissism” mean, and how does Merryman use the language to support her purpose?
7. What negative outcomes does the “everyone must always win” argument have for society? Cite evidence from the text to support your response.
8. What does Merryman argue is the parents’/society’s job?

**“From sports mom and softball coach Stacie Mahoe regarding the worthlessness of getting worked up over participation trophies”**

1. What is Stacie Mahoe’s position on participation trophies?
2. Describe Mahoe’s children. How does this establish her ethos (credibility/expertise)?
3. Identify another argument she makes to further establish her ethos and support her purpose.
4. What does she say is the biggest influence on kids’ attitudes?