**Topic: Sportsmanship of Lionel Messi**

**Introduction:** Write out in full sentences. Include the following elements in the Introduction.

Attention Getter: What is the greatest sport in Europe? Why are people so in love with that sport? Not just Europe but the whole world loves to watch and play. Believe it or not, every four years people gather in one country and watch it.

Credibility Statement: I am interested because soccer is my favorite sport of all time to watch and play, and Messi is my favorite player.

Thesis statement: Out of all talented soccer players in the world, Messi is one of the most epic and gifted natural born players at this time.

Preview Statement: Messi has natural athletic ability, is not a complainer, shows good sportsmanship, and he is one of the most popular soccer player in the world at this time.

Transition: In order to introduce Lionel Messi, I want to start by telling you how he got started as a soccer player.

**Outline Body:**

1. Main point #1: biographical info
2. Where he was born? (born June 24, 1987, [Rosario](http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/509659/Rosario), [Argentina](http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/33657/Argentina))

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At a young age messi have hormonal problem that effect his growth and make his family to leave rosario and live in barca because of expensive medical treatment. After his first trial with Barcelona, the Catalan coaches had no doubts. He sign messi and promise him that he will treat messi because the coach know one day this man will become the greatest player in the world.

1. What club he started at? messi start playing soccer for Barcelona at age 16.
2. The player he admired? [Diego Maradona](http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/686139/Diego-Maradona)
3. One goal that he wants to achieve; to win the World Cup.
4. Main point #2: The style he plays
5. Ball handling and interaction with other players
6. Positions he plays
7. How he scores
8. Weakness while playing
9. Main point #3: sportsmanship
10. He doesn’t tackle other players
11. He doesn’t fake injury
12. He is a good team player—has a good record of assists

**Transition Statement:** Let me restate what I told you about Lionel Messi

**Conclusion:**

Write out in full sentences. Include the following elements in the Conclusion:

**Restate the Thesis or Central Idea**: Out of all talented soccer players in the world, Messi is one of the most epic and gifted natural born players at this time.

**Restate your Main points:** I told you about his life, his style of play, and his high level of sportsmanship.

Provide memorable closure: After you have heard my speech about Lionel Messi what do you think about him? Can you just imagine people all over the world watching him play and shouting his name?

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