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The Trophy Dilemma: Are Participation Trophies Really Beneficial for Kids?

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Share a personal experience or observation of how participation trophies may send mixed messages to children about effort and achievement, and discuss the potential consequences of this ambiguity.
2. Explain how participation trophies can hinder a child's development of resilience and perseverance, and provide examples of situations where this hindrance might occur.
3. Discuss the potential long-term consequences of participation trophies fostering a sense of entitlement among children, and provide examples of how this entitlement might manifest in their attitudes and behaviors.
4. In your own words, describe the importance of competition in teaching valuable life lessons to children, and provide examples of these lessons in the context of sports or other competitive activities.

