



# **CULTURAL METAPHORS: AMERICAN FOOTBALL**

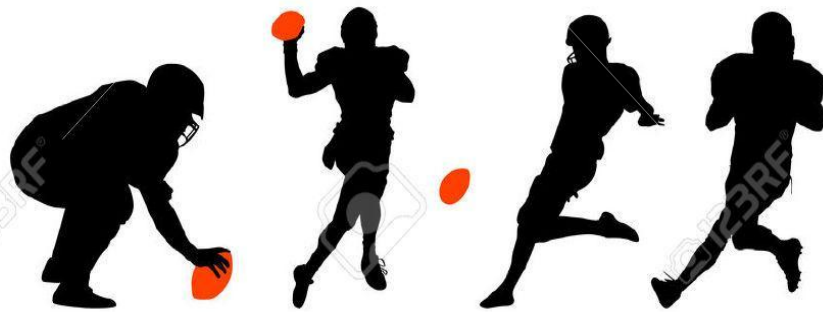
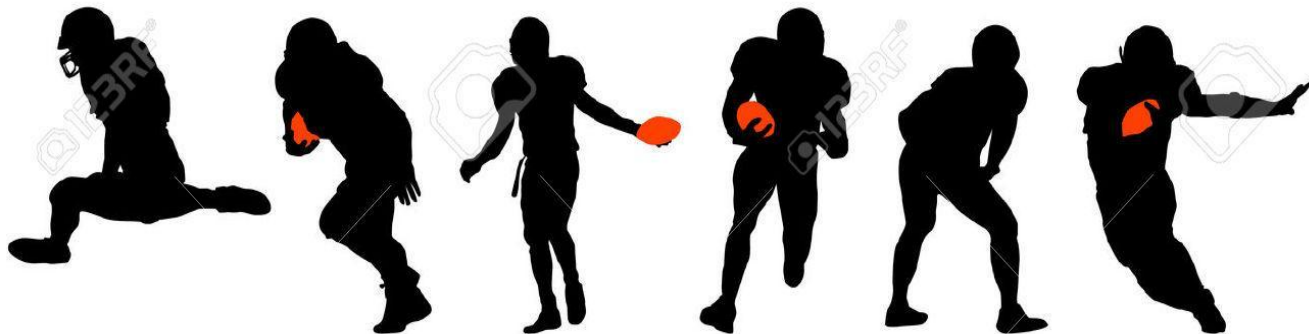
- Modern American philosopher Martin Gannon once wrote, «if you don't understand U.S. football, you will have difficulty in understanding U.S. culture»













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