



LESSON PLAN

PLAYER PROFILE

Series: Sports Superstars

Objective

To help students practice identifying and summarizing the main ideas of chapters in a book about an athlete.

Supplies

- One or more books in the Sports Superstars series
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils

Before the Activity

Write the following questions on the whiteboard:

- What kind of information does this chapter tell us about the player?
- Does this chapter talk about the past or the present?
- Does this chapter describe certain skills, plays, or records the player is known for?
- Does this chapter focus on a particular game, event, or tournament?

Activity

Divide the class into as many groups as you have books from the Sports Superstars series. Or, if you only have one book in the Sports Superstars series, divide the class into pairs. Make sure each group has paper and pencils. Pass out a different book from the Sports Superstars series to each group, or give each pair a copy of the book. Students should work together to identify the main ideas of each chapter in the book. Explain that the questions on the whiteboard are there to help students if they get stuck.

Next, students should write a short paragraph (two to four sentences) that summarizes each chapter. The paragraph should start with the topic sentence “Chapter ____ describes ____.” After that, students should write a few sentences telling the most important facts that people need to know from the chapter. Remind students to use only complete sentences in this paragraph.

Evaluation

Collect each group’s summaries. Did the students accurately identify and describe the main ideas of each chapter? Did they use complete sentences when writing their paragraphs?