



LESSON PLAN

SPORTS SUMMARIES

Series: Major Sports Events

Objective

To help students practice identifying and summarizing the main ideas of each chapter in a book about sports.

Supplies

- One or more books in the Major Sports Events 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 major sports event?
- Does this chapter talk about the present or the past?
- Does this chapter talk about any key teams or players?
- Does this chapter describe any amazing moments?
- Does this chapter focus on a certain game or tournament?

Activity

Divide the class into pairs. Make sure each pair of students has paper and pencils. Have each pair choose one of the books in the Major Sports Events series. 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 (four to six 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 the summaries at the end of the activity. Were students able to accurately summarize the main ideas of each chapter? Did they use complete sentences in their paragraphs?