

Lesson Plan

Impressive Achievements

Book: *Sue Bird*

Series: WNBA Superstars

Level: Navigator

Objective

To help students practice summarizing a collaborative conversation by writing a short paragraph.

Supplies

- *Sue Bird* book
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils

Before the Activity

Read the *Sue Bird* book out loud, or assign it to students to read on their own.

Activity

Sue Bird has had many outstanding achievements during her career as a basketball player. For example, Bird is the first WNBA player to win a championship in three different decades. She also played on the US Olympic team five times between 2004 and 2021. Divide the students into pairs. Then, write the following questions on the whiteboard:

- Which achievement of Sue Bird's did you find the most fascinating? Why?
- What team did Sue Bird play with for that achievement?
- In what year did that achievement take place?

In their pairs, students should take turns answering the questions. Give students several minutes to talk. Then ask each student to write a summary of what his or her partner talked about. This summary should answer the four questions listed below. Write these questions on the whiteboard:

- What achievement of Sue Bird's did your partner describe?
- What team did Bird play with for that achievement?
- In what year did Bird make that achievement?
- Why did your partner think that achievement was fascinating?

Evaluation

Collect the summaries and give students 1 point for each question they answered, for up to 4 points total.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' speaking and listening standards, grade 4 (SL 4.1), and writing standards, grade 4 (W 4.8).