

Lesson Plan

Looking at Legacy

Book: *Diana Taurasi*

Series: WNBA Superstars

Level: Navigator

Objective

To help students explore the meaning of the word *legacy*.

Supplies

- *Diana Taurasi* book

Before the Activity

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

Activity

Diana Taurasi is an incredibly dominant basketball player with many great achievements. Pages 27–28 describe one of her most impressive accomplishments. During the 2019 season, she scored her 9,000th point. Page 28 says, “No other WNBA player had even scored 7,500 points. Experts and fans agreed that Taurasi’s legacy was already set. She’d been an All-Star 10 times during her 17 seasons in the WNBA.”

Choose a student to look up the word *legacy* in the book’s glossary on page 31 and read the definition out loud: “the things a person becomes known for.”

Taurasi is known for her record-high points. To learn about another player’s legacy, turn to page 21 and invite a volunteer to read the “Paving the Way” feature about Cynthia Cooper. Discuss the following question as a class:

- What are some things Cynthia Cooper is known for? (Possible Answers: She was one of the WNBA’s best guards. She was a quick thinker who scored lots of points. She won several NCAA, WNBA, and Olympic titles. She was the first WNBA player to become part of the Basketball Hall of Fame.)

Then, invite students to turn to a neighbor and answer the question, “What actions, character traits, or achievements would you like to be known for?”

Evaluation

Could students identify traits, actions, and achievements that Cynthia Cooper is known for?
Could students name what they aspired to be known for themselves?

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 4 (RI 4.1, 4.2, 4.4).