

Lesson Plan

Supporting Claims

Book: *Joe Burrow: Football Star*

Series: Biggest Names in Sports

Level: Navigator

Objective

To help students practice identifying the evidence an author uses to support claims.

Supplies

- *Joe Burrow: Football Star* book
- Notecards
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Read the *Joe Burrow: Football Star* book, or assign it to students to read on their own. Give each student a notecard.

Activity

Joe Burrow: Football Star describes the NFL quarterback's journey to stardom. In Chapter 2 ("Mr. Football"), the author explains how football was an important part of Joe's early life.

Discuss the following questions as a class:

- Page 11 says, "As a kid, football shaped Joe's life." What facts or information does the author use to support this statement? (Answer: He explains that Joe's father was a college football coach who moved around to different colleges throughout Joe's childhood and who passed his love of football on to his son.)

Next, have students turn to page 5. Read the following sentence from that page out loud: "Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow didn't panic. He got to work."

Students should reread the rest of Chapter 1 ("Comeback Kid") and identify four facts or examples from the text that support this claim. Each student should write these four facts on his or her notecard. Students should also write the page number where they found the information.

Evaluation

Collect the notecards at the end of class. Using the following sample answers as a guide, award students 1 point for each piece of evidence they identified and 1 point for including the page number where they found it, for up to 8 points total.

Sample Answers:

Burrow relied on his talented receivers, Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins, to score points (p. 6).

In the first half, Burrow made a great pass to Samaje Perine, who scored a touchdown (p. 6).

Burrow led his team to a field goal in the third quarter (p. 6).

In the third quarter, Burrow passed to Ja'Marr Chase, who scored a touchdown (p. 6).

Burrow also passed to Trent Taylor in the third quarter (p. 7).

In the fourth quarter, Burrow helped his team score another field goal (p. 7).

When the game went to overtime, Burrow took advantage of an interception (pp. 7–8).

Burrow drove his team to reach the 13-yard line (p. 8).

Burrow led his team to the biggest comeback in conference championship history (p. 9).

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 4 (RI 4.2, 4.8), and writing standards, grade 4 (W 4.8).