

Lesson Plan

Driving Diversity

Book: *Bubba Wallace: Auto Racing Star*

Series: Biggest Names in Sports

Level: Navigator

Objective

To help students practicing finding and citing evidence used to support claims.

Supplies

- *Bubba Wallace: Auto Racing Star* book
- Driving Diversity worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Hand out or email copies of the Driving Diversity worksheet to students.

Activity

Have students read through the *Bubba Wallace: Auto Racing Star* book on their own. This book describes some of the ways that Wallace has worked to make NASCAR more diverse and inclusive. The statements on the Driving Diversity worksheet summarize three claims the book makes about this topic. As students read through the book, they should look for sentences from the book that support the statements. Students should write two quotes from the book underneath each statement on the worksheet. They should also write the page number where they found each quote.

Evaluation

Give students 1 point for each supporting quote, for a total of 6 points. See the attached answer key for sample answers.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grade 5 (RI 5.1).

Driving Diversity

Find two quotes from the book that support each of the following statements:

1. NASCAR is not a diverse sport.

Quote 1:

Quote 2:

2. Black drivers have experienced racism during racing events.

Quote 1:

Quote 2:

3. Bubba Wallace works to help make NASCAR more welcoming to Black people.

Quote 1:

Quote 2:

Driving Diversity Answer Key

Find two quotes from the book that support each of the following statements:

1. NASCAR is not a diverse sport.

Quote 1: **“Wallace was the first Black driver at the Daytona 500 in nearly 50 years.” (page 7)**

Quote 2: **“After all, NASCAR was one of the least diverse sports in the United States.” (page 10)**

2. Black drivers have experienced racism during racing events.

Quote 1: **“Another driver’s parent called him a racist name. Bubba’s mother explained that these experiences would continue if he stayed in racing.” (page 10)**

Quote 2: **“The [Confederate] flag’s connection with slavery made the flag especially painful for Black people. For decades, NASCAR fans had flown Confederate flags at races. Wallace believed NASCAR’s decision to allow the flag had kept the sport mostly white.” (pages 24–25)**

3. Bubba Wallace works to help make NASCAR more welcoming to Black people.

Quote 1: **“He called for a ban on Confederate flags at races.” (page 24)**

Quote 2: **“And at the next race, Wallace’s car featured a Black Lives Matter logo.” (page 26)**