

## Lesson Plan

### Making At-a-Glance Maps

**Book:** *Dak Prescott: Football Star*

**Series:** Biggest Names in Sports

**Level:** Navigator

#### Objective

To help students write a brief autobiography based on important places in their lives and represent those places using a map.

#### Supplies

- *Dak Prescott: Football Star*
- Large sheets of paper or poster board
- Colored pencils, markers, or pens
- Computer access for each student

#### Before the Activity

Read through the *Dak Prescott* book with students, or assign it to students to read on their own.

#### Activity

Open the *Dak Prescott* book to pages 28 and 29. These two pages give a brief overview of Prescott's life and football career. Page 28 lists statistics about him, such as the schools he attended and the teams he played for. Page 29 shows a map of important locations in his life. This map shows the location of his birthplace (Sulphur, Louisiana), his high school (Haughton, Louisiana), the college he attended (Mississippi State in Mississippi), and the city where his NFL team is based (Dallas, Texas).

Ask students to think of four important locations in their own lives. These locations could be where students were born, where they go to school, other places they have lived, places where friends or relatives live, or places students have visited. Give each student a piece of paper or poster board and ask them to create a poster featuring their own At-a-Glance Map.

On the left side of the poster, students should write or type the following information:

- their name
- their age
- one sentence describing each of the locations they chose and explaining why it is important to them

On the right side of the poster, students should create a map that shows the location of each important place. Students can draw the map by hand, or they can use a computer to find or create a map.

**Evaluation**

Give students 1 point for each location they include on the map and 1 point for each sentence they write to describe it, for a total of 8 points.

**Standards**

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' writing standards, grade 4 (W 4.4).