

## Lesson Plan

### Mike Trout Timeline

**Book:** *Mike Trout: Baseball Star*

**Series:** Biggest Names in Sports

**Level:** Navigator

### Objective

To help students practice taking notes about an informational text and using those notes to produce a short piece of writing, summarizing information from the text in both the notes and the finished writing project.

### Supplies

- *Mike Trout: Baseball Star* book
- Two sheets of paper for each student
- Pencils

### Before the Activity

Read through the *Mike Trout* book, or assign it to students to read on their own.

### Activity

The *Mike Trout* book follows Trout's baseball career from when he was still in high school all the way to his success in the major leagues. Have students take a closer look at Chapter 2 ("The Early Years"), Chapter 3 ("A Big Hit in the Majors"), and Chapter 4 ("Streaking to Fame"). Explain that these chapters are organized in chronological order. They start when Trout was young and give details about his life up until 2017. Ask students to read through these chapters again, looking for facts about important events, accomplishments, or awards. Students should make a list of these events, accomplishments, and awards on a piece of paper. Students should write a short sentence or phrase describing each important event or accomplishment, as well as the year when it happened.

Then, have students use their notes to make a timeline on a second sheet of paper. The timeline should begin in 2009 and end in 2016. For each year, students should write one sentence summarizing the most important thing that happened in Trout's life that year. Students should try to choose the accomplishment they think caused the biggest change in Trout's life or that was the biggest honor.

## **Evaluation**

Using the attached answer key, give students one point for each correct answer, for a total of 8 points. Note: Some years include two possible answer options. Students can choose either answer and still receive the point for that year.

## **Standards**

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' writing standards, grade 5 (W 5.8).

## **Mike Trout Timeline Answer Key**

2009: Trout is drafted by the Los Angeles Angels and plays for two of their minor level teams.

2010: Trout excels in the minor leagues, so he is promoted to higher leagues.

2011: Trout makes his major league debut on July 8. He goes back and forth between the majors and the minors during this year.

2012: Trout is officially a major league rookie. He is named the AL Rookie of the Year.

2013: Trout leads the AL in runs and walks.

2014: Trout makes it to the postseason for the first time when the Angels win their division. He wins the All-Star Game MVP award and is chosen as the AL MVP.

2015: Trout becomes the first player to win the All-Star Game MVP award two years in a row.

2016: Trout leads the league in runs and walks. His accomplishments earn him a second MVP award.