



# LESSON PLAN

## BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

**Series:** NFL Teams

### Objective

To help students practice identifying and summarizing the main ideas of chapters in a book about an NFL team.

### Supplies

- One or more books in the NFL Teams series
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils

### Before the Activity

Write the following questions on the whiteboard:

- What kind of information does this chapter tell us about the team?
- What part of the team's history does the chapter describe?
- Who are some of the players described in this chapter?
- What records, plays, or other actions are those players known for?
- Does this chapter describe any famous games or team records?

### Activity

Provide a book from the NFL Teams series to each student, and make sure all students have paper and pencils. Ask students to read their books one chapter at a time. As they read each chapter, students should look for its main ideas. Explain that the questions on the whiteboard are there to help students if they get stuck. Most chapters should answer at least one of those questions.

After reading a chapter, students should write a short paragraph (two to four sentences) to summarize its main ideas. The paragraph should start with the topic sentence "Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ describes \_\_\_\_\_." After that, students should write a few sentences telling the most important facts that people need to know from the chapter. Remind students to use complete sentences in this paragraph.

### Evaluation

Collect each student's summaries. Give 1 point for each summary that accurately describes key details from the chapter, and 1 point for each summary that uses complete sentences, for up to 12 points total.