



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Alabama history? Why?

3. What was Alabama's football team known as before 1907?
 - A. the Crimson Elephants
 - B. the Yellowhammers
 - C. the Thin Red Line

4. Why did Kalen DeBoer have big shoes to fill when he became Alabama's coach?
 - A. Alabama no longer had good players on the team.
 - B. The previous coach won six national titles.
 - C. Many fans stopped going to Alabama's games.



5. What does **graduated** mean in the *Alabama Crimson Tide* book?

*He starred for the Tide from 1902 to 1906. When Burks **graduated**, one fan wrote a poem called “Farewell to Burks.”*

- A. finished school
- B. scored a touchdown
- C. wrote something down

6. What does **unique** mean in the *Alabama Crimson Tide* book?

*The team’s crimson helmets are **unique**. Each helmet features the player’s number.*

- A. different from all others
- B. difficult to wear
- C. not safe to use



ANSWER KEY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. A



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: GEORGIA BULLDOGS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Georgia history? Why?

3. Which player won the Nagurski Trophy in 1998?
 - A. Herschel Walker
 - B. Champ Bailey
 - C. David Pollack

4. Why did Theron Sapp earn the nickname “Drought Breaker”?
 - A. He ended Georgia’s losing streak against Georgia Tech.
 - B. He scored the most touchdowns in Georgia history.
 - C. He left the Georgia Bulldogs to serve in the military.



5. What does **contenders** mean in the *Georgia Bulldogs* book?

*The Bulldogs were always **contenders** under Richt. He led Georgia to nine bowl wins.*

- A. teams that only play schools from the Deep South
- B. teams that don't play well during the regular season
- C. teams that have a good chance of winning a title

6. What does **dominant** mean in the *Georgia Bulldogs* book?

*They went 15–0 in 2022. That included a **dominant** display in the national title game. Georgia pounded Texas Christian University 65–7.*

- A. unable to run the ball well
- B. much better than other teams
- C. having more losses than wins



ANSWER KEY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: GEORGIA BULLDOGS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. B



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Wolverines history? Why?

3. Who was Michigan's first Heisman Trophy winner?
 - A. Adolph Schulz
 - B. Tom Harmon
 - C. Charles Woodson

4. Why is Michigan Stadium nicknamed the "Big House"?
 - A. Many students live in the building.
 - B. It is the country's largest stadium.
 - C. It was used as a jail in the 1800s.



5. What does **recruited** mean in the *Michigan Wolverines* book?

*Michigan **recruited** Desmond Howard to play running back. Coaches then switched him to wide receiver.*

- A. caught a pass
- B. scored a touchdown
- C. asked someone to join a team

6. What does **smothered** mean in the *Michigan Wolverines* book?

*Woodson **smothered** opposing receivers. He picked off eight passes.*

- A. threw the ball toward
- B. ran away from
- C. covered closely



ANSWER KEY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Notre Dame history? Why?

3. Which coach led Notre Dame to its first national title?
 - A. Knute Rockne
 - B. Frank Leahy
 - C. Ara Parseghian

4. Why did teams often put two or even three defenders on Tim Brown?
 - A. Brown played more than one position.
 - B. He always lined up in different places.
 - C. One player couldn't cover him alone.



5. What does **dynasties** mean in the *Notre Dame Fighting Irish* book?

*They won a national title in 1943. From 1946 to 1949, they won three more. They were one of college football's greatest **dynasties** of all time.*

- A. teams that win several titles over a short period
- B. teams that have lots of fans all over the country
- C. teams that aren't expected to win many games

6. What does **inspired** mean in the *Notre Dame Fighting Irish* book?

*Linebacker Manti Te'o came to Notre Dame from Hawaii. He became a tackling machine. In 2012, his **inspired** play led the Irish to the national title game.*

- A. confusing
- B. unexpected
- C. better than usual



ANSWER KEY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 4.

2. Who do you think was the greatest coach in Buckeyes history? Why?

3. Who was the first Ohio State player to win the Heisman Trophy?
 - A. Archie Griffin
 - B. Les Horvath
 - C. Vic Janowicz

4. Why is Ohio Stadium nicknamed “The Horseshoe”?
 - A. The stadium hosted many horse races in the early 1900s.
 - B. The stadium was originally shaped like a horseshoe.
 - C. The team buried a lucky horseshoe under one of the end zones.



5. What does **era** mean in the *Ohio State Buckeyes* book?

*Ohio State won another national title in 1954. It was the first of five in Hayes's **era**.*

- A. a period in time
- B. a winning season
- C. a successful coach

6. What does **dominated** mean in the *Ohio State Buckeyes* book?

*Linebacker Tom Cousineau **dominated** in the late 1970s. He left Ohio State with several tackling records.*

- A. won fewer games than usual
- B. ran slower than teammates
- C. played better than opponents



ANSWER KEY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: OKLAHOMA SOONERS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Oklahoma history? Why?

3. Who was the first Oklahoma player to win the Heisman Trophy?
 - A. Billy Sims
 - B. Steve Owens
 - C. Billy Vessels

4. How did Lincoln Riley's teams score so many points?
 - A. They played slowly.
 - B. They threw a lot of passes.
 - C. They ran the ball a lot.



5. What does **erupt** mean in the *Oklahoma Sooners* book?

*Oklahoma fans **erupt** for the Sooner Schooner. Oklahoma's players follow the wagon onto the field.*

- A. make a lot of noise
- B. leave the stadium
- C. sit quietly in their seats

6. What does **goal line** mean in the *Oklahoma Sooners* book?

*The Texas offense was back near its own **goal line**. Oklahoma defensive back Roy Williams leaped over a Texas blocker. He hit the quarterback and forced a bad pass. Oklahoma picked it off for a touchdown.*

- A. The line that marks out of bounds.
- B. The line at the front of the end zone.
- C. The line in the middle of the field.



ANSWER KEY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: OKLAHOMA SOONERS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. B



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: TEXAS LONGHORNS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in Texas Longhorns history? Why?

3. Which coach led Texas to its first bowl game?
 - A. Dana X. Bible
 - B. Darrell K Royal
 - C. Mack Brown

4. What hurt Texas's chances of winning the national title in the 2009 season?
 - A. The game was played at Alabama's home stadium.
 - B. The team didn't have its starting quarterback for most of the game.
 - C. Texas coach Mack Brown was sick and had to miss the game.



5. What does **rallied** mean in the *Texas Longhorns* book?

*Arkansas went up 14–0. Then Texas **rallied** to win 15–14.*

- A. came from behind
- B. lost by a wide margin
- C. replaced all its players

6. What does **resumed** mean in the *Texas Longhorns* book?

*The teams met 118 times between 1894 and 2011. After that, they played in different conferences for several years. But the rivalry **resumed** in 2024. Texas won 17–7.*

- A. ended forever
- B. lost a game
- C. started again



ANSWER KEY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: TEXAS LONGHORNS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. C



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: USC TROJANS

1. Write a paragraph that explains the main ideas of Chapter 2.

2. Who do you think was the greatest player in USC history? Why?

3. Which player won USC's first Heisman Trophy?
 - A. Marcus Allen
 - B. Matt Leinart
 - C. Mike Garrett

4. Why did USC get the nickname Tailback U?
 - A. The team's uniforms featured a tail on the back.
 - B. The school began offering a degree in tailback.
 - C. The team produced many great tailbacks.



5. What does **formation** mean in the *USC Trojans* book?

*The I**formation** has two running backs. They both line up directly behind the quarterback. The line of players looks like the letter I.*

- A. the way players run after the play starts
- B. the way players line up before the play starts
- C. the way players wear their jerseys

6. What does **supporting** mean in the *USC Trojans* book?

*Allen played a **supporting** role at first. Then, in 1980, he became a starter.*

- A. backing up others
- B. carrying a lot of weight
- C. very important



ANSWER KEY FOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAMS: USC TROJANS

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. A