LESSON PLAN

TEAM TIMELINES

Series: NBA Teams

Objective
To help students identify key events from a book about an NBA team and work in groups to arrange those events in chronological order.

Supplies
- One or more books in the NBA Teams series
- Notecards
- Pencils

Before the Activity
Split students into groups of six. Give each student three notecards and a pencil.

Activity
Each book in the NBA Teams series describes the games, records, coaches, and star players that have played key roles in the history of a professional basketball team. But instead of telling the team's history in chronological order, each chapter covers a different topic.

Each book has six chapters. So, have each of the six students in a group choose a different chapter to focus on. Each student will read this chapter and pick three important events from it. On each of their three notecards, students should write a short sentence summarizing one of these events. This sentence should include the date the event happened. Students should also include the page number where they found the information.

After all students have their notecards ready, the students in each group will work together to arrange all the events in chronological order. They can do this by placing the cards in a line on the table or floor. If they need help, students can look at the timeline in the back of the book for clues.

Evaluation
Did each student write three events from their chapter on their notecards? Were the years and summaries they wrote accurate? Could the groups of students put the events in chronological order?