

Teacher:

Subject / Course: ELA

Date:

Unit Title: First Female NFL Referee

Grade:

Duration: 10–15 Minutes

CCRS:

- W.4.3** Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.
- W.4.3a** Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
- W.4.3b** Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
- W.4.3c** Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to manage the sequence of events.
- W.4.3d** Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.
- W.4.3e** Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.

Summary of Unit:

Writing. Write a paragraph about a goal or accomplishment.

Lesson Objectives:

- Explain Sarah Thomas’s accomplishments in refereeing
- Discuss goals and accomplishments
- Write a paragraph about a personal goal or accomplishment

Lesson Structure:

- The teacher will show the Sarah Thomas *Mississippi, Believe It!*TM Poster to the students.
- The students and teacher will read the poster and discuss Sarah Thomas’s goals and accomplishments. The teacher can add information in the activities section to further discuss the topic. (Use this at your discretion, depending on your students’ needs.)
- The teacher needs to make sure students have an understanding of a goal (a future plan to get a certain result; learn to play piano, win an award, get a good grade, etc.) and an accomplishment (a goal that has been reached; ride a bike, do a cartwheel, etc.).
- Students will write a paragraph with the following prompt:

Sarah Thomas accomplished many goals in her life. What is a goal that you have set for yourself or a recent accomplishment you have made? Write a paragraph explaining your goal or accomplishment.

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Guiding Questions:

1. What is a goal?
2. What is an accomplishment?
3. Name a goal or accomplishment that Sarah Thomas has made.
4. What needs to be included in a well-written paragraph?

Activity:

Further Information on Sarah Thomas:

- Born in Pascagoula, MS, in 1973
- High school and college basketball player
- Began refereeing in 1996
- High school referee in 1999
- Hired as a referee by Conference USA (set of college football teams) in 2007
- First female to referee in a Big Ten (set of college football teams) stadium in 2011
- Finalist for refereeing for the NFL in 2013
- Official referee in the NFL in 2015

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Key Vocabulary:

- Goal
- Accomplishment
- Referee

Resources & Materials

- Whiteboard
- Charts/Maps
- Computer
- Smartboard
- Video/Audio
- Textbook Pages
- Workbook Pages
- Handout
- Manipulatives
- Other:

Assessments:

- Pre-Test
 - Post-Test
 - Observation
 - Oral
 - Writing Assessment
 - Journal
 - Homework
 - Demonstration
 - Other:
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Learning styles addressed:

- Visual
- Auditory
- Kinesthetic
- Tactile

Guided Practice:

Notes:

Interventions:

- Small Group
- Modified Assignments
- Accommodations
- One-on-One
- Tutoring (Peer and Teacher)
- Manipulatives
- Other:

Independent Practice:



Goals and Accomplishments!

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