

Complete the statements by writing the correct number in the box.

1. The Spartans have been wearing their trademark green helmets for more than this many years.

**12**

2. Connor Cook holds the record for most yards run as a Michigan Spartan, with this many yards.

**4**

3. Jack Conklin started in this many games he played as a Michigan Spartan.

**19**

4. When Duffy Daugherty retired from coaching in 1972, he had this many wins.

**9,194**

5. Head coach Mark Dantonio has changed the team's jersey and helmet colors this many times since his arrival in 2007.

**50**

6. The Spartans' longest winning streak at home was this many games, between 1950 and 1953.

**38**

7. Instead of a single team captain, the Spartans rotate through a group of this many players, known as the leadership group

**109**



## Divisions

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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College football is broken down into divisions. Using the information in the book, answer the following questions.

Which division are the Michigan State Spartans in?

Name a bowl game in which the Michigan State Spartans have played, and in which year this game occurred.

Name three teams in the same division as the Michigan State Spartans.

The Michigan State Spartans play in which stadium?



## Write a News Story

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Exciting moments that happen during football games are often the topic of news stories. Choose one of the key events in the book, and write a news story about it in the space below.

News stories focus on a specific event and date in time. If there is more than one side to the story, be sure to present both. The story should include answers to these five key questions.

1. Who is the story about? This may be a person, team, organization, or company.
2. What is the event? It may be a regular- or post-season game, or even a practice.
3. Where did the event take place? This should include the city and stadium.
4. When did the event take place? This should include the complete date and, if possible, the time.
5. Why is the event important? Explain why this was a key event for the team or player. How did the event impact the team, the players, or the fans?



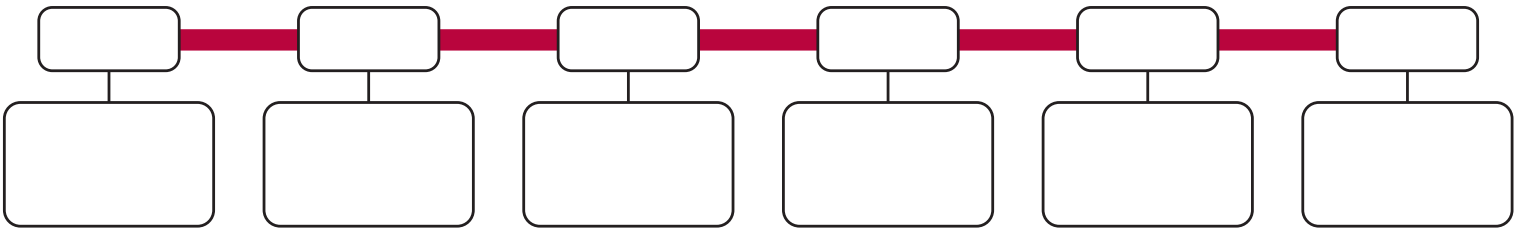
## Create a Timeline

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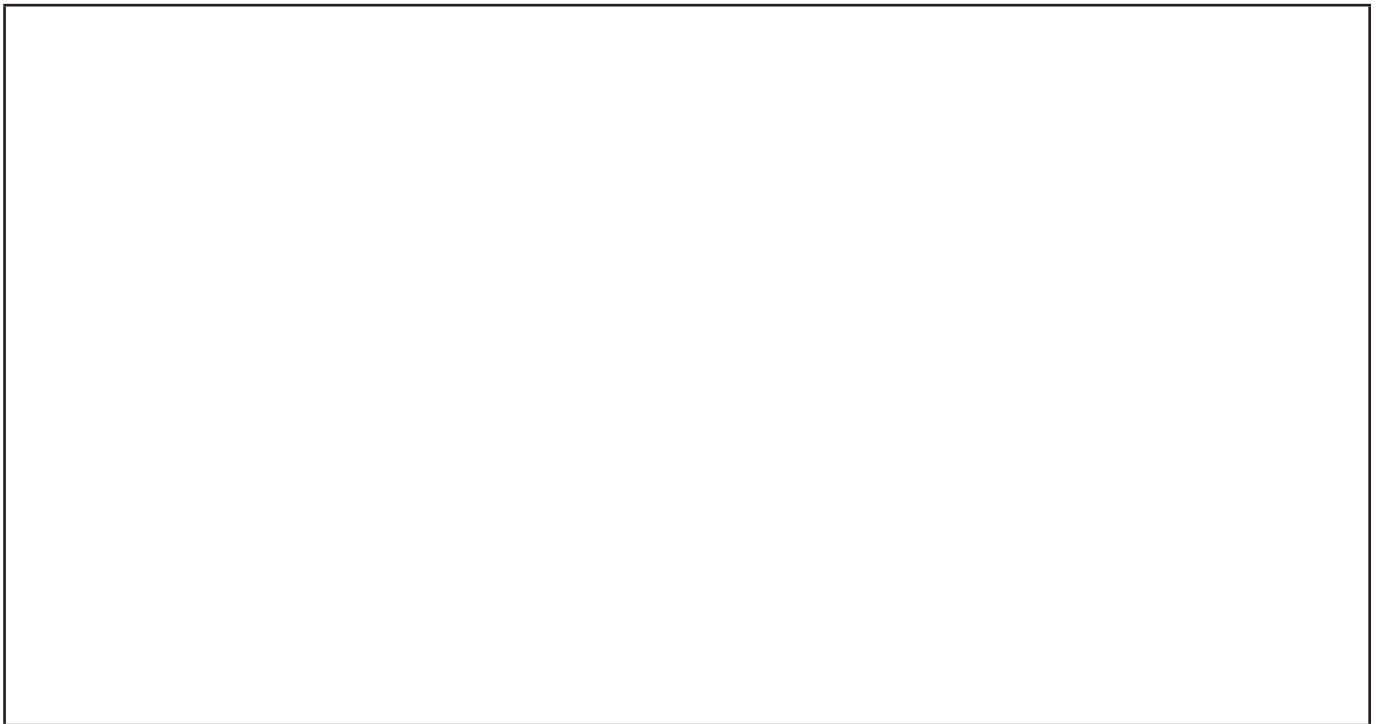
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1. Using your AV<sup>2</sup> book, as well as research found in the library and on the internet, create a list of some of the most important games and events that have taken place throughout the Michigan State Spartans' history. Your list should include dates from at least six important moments in the team's history. Organize the events by date, from the earliest to the most recent. Then, use your list of events to create a timeline in the boxes below.



A horizontal timeline consisting of a thick red line with six white rectangular boxes spaced evenly along it. Below each box is a larger white rectangular box connected by a vertical line, intended for writing event details.

2. Pick one event from your timeline. Why was this event important to the team? Write your answer in a short paragraph.



A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for writing a paragraph about a chosen event.



# Name the Player

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the book as your guide, name each of the pictured players from the Michigan State Spartans.



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Name:



Name:



Name:



# Key Words Match-Up

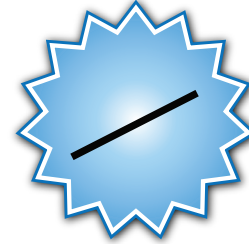
Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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## KEY WORDS

Jim Thorpe Award	championships
legacies	postseason
draft	All-American
traditions	rivalries
genius	fraternity
setback	renovated



Your Score is

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1.   
an exclusive society made up of male students at a university

2.   
customs or beliefs that are passed from one generation to another

3.   
an award given to the top defensive back in college football

4.   
a sporting event that takes place after the end of the regular season

5.   
a person who is very smart or creative

6.   
contests that determine top performers for a sport or activity

7.   
when progress has been reversed

8.   
an annual event where the NFL chooses college football players to be new team members

9.   
a player, usually in high school or college, judged to be the best in each position of a sport

10.   
something handed down by a previous generation

11.   
improved or expanded an older building

12.   
competitions between different groups or individuals toward the same objective or goal



## Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.  
Check your answers on the quiz page in the book.

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**1** When did college football begin for Michigan State?

**2** Which conference does the team play in?

**3** Which city is Spartan Stadium in?

**4** How many bowl appearances have the Spartans made?

**5** What was the Spartans' longest winning streak at home?

**6** Which rival team do the Spartans play for the Megaphone Trophy?

**7** How many National Championships have the Spartans won?

**8** When did Spartan Stadium open?

**9** What are the Spartans' colors?

**10** When did the Spartans first play in a bowl game?

