

## Where They Play

Use pages 10–11 in the book to help you complete the activity.

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The map below shows the locations of all 16 stadiums in the National Football Conference. Look at the map, and try to find the home of the Detroit Lions, Ford Field. First, find the number used to mark this stadium on the map. Then, write that number in the space next to the stadium's name in the list below the map.

When finished, try to find the stadiums of some of the Lions' rivals. Write the number for each of these stadiums in the list below the map. Check your answers in the book.




**FORD FIELD (DETROIT LIONS)**

**BANK OF AMERICA STADIUM (CAROLINA PANTHERS)**

**METLIFE STADIUM (NEW YORK GIANTS)**

**LEVI'S STADIUM (SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS)**



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## 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 five key questions.

- Who is the story about? This may be a person, team, organization, or company.
- What is the event? It may be a regular or post-season game, or even a practice.
- Where did the event take place? This should include the city and stadium.
- When did the event take place? This should include the complete date and, if possible, the time.
- 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?



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Using the information in *Detroit Lions*, select an answer from the right and write the letter in the box beside the statement.

1.

Linebacker Chris Spielman leads the Lions in career tackles with this many.

**A. 327**

2.

Calvin Johnson set a single-season receiving yards record with this many.

**B. 1**

3.

Mel Gray holds the team's all-time record for most career kickoff return yards with this many.

**C. 2,053**

4.

Placekicker Jason Hanson played this many games in a Lions uniform.

**D. 1,138**

5.

Barry Sanders holds the team record for single-season rushing yards with this many.

**E. 216**

6.

Roary wears a Lions jersey with this number on the front.

**F. 2014**

7.

Jim Caldwell became Detroit's first African American head coach in this year.

**G. 1,964**



# Timeline Activity

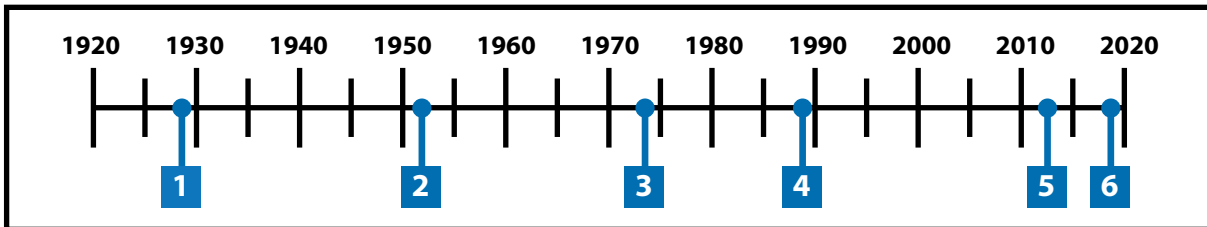
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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline.

Write the number in the box beside each event. Check your answers with pages 26 and 27 of the book.



**1** 1929

**2** 1952

**3** 1974

**4** 1989

**5** 2013

**6** 2019

Quarterback Bobby Layne leads the Lions to their first championship victory in 17 years. Detroit defeats the Cleveland Browns 17–7.

Calvin Johnson sets a Lions record for career touchdown catches, with 63.

Barry Sanders is drafted by the team and narrowly misses the NFL rushing title by 10 yards.

This year marks the official start of the Lions in Portsmouth, Ohio, as the Spartans.

The Lions draft star tight end T.J. Hockenson.

The Lions play their last game at Tiger Stadium, where they are defeated by the Denver Broncos 31–27.



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# Write a Biography

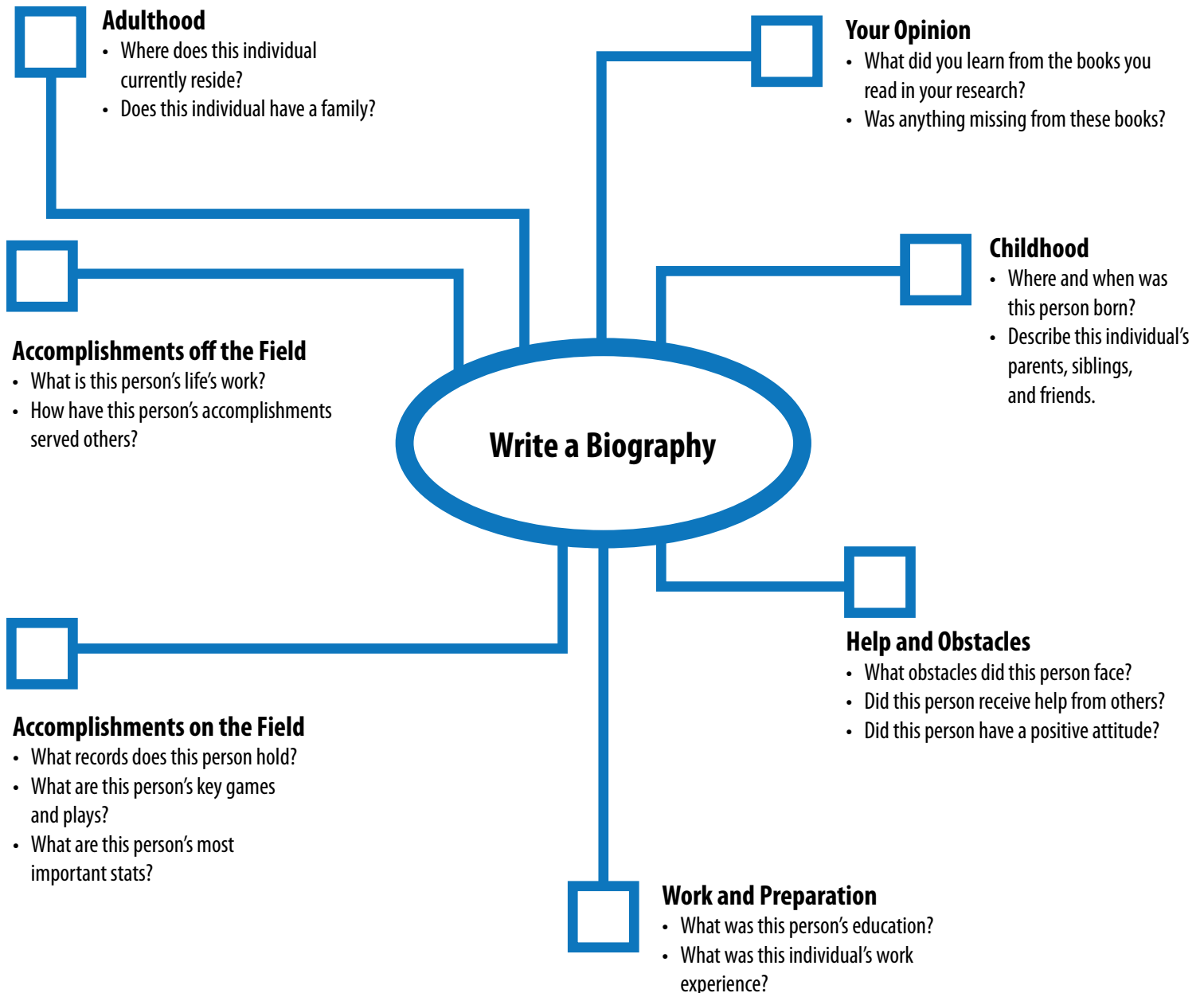
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Use your book, and research in the library and on the internet, to find out more about your favorite Detroit Lions player or coach. Learn as much about this person as you can.

What role or position does this person play on the team? What are this person's statistics in important categories? Has this person set any records? Also, be sure to write down key events in this person's life. What was this person's childhood like? What has this person accomplished off the field? Is there anything else that makes this person special or unusual?



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## Write a Biography

Use the space below to write your biography.

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## Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these questions.

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1

When did Jim Caldwell join the Lions as head coach?

2

In what year did the Lions add fangs to the team's logo?

3

What color are the Lions' home jerseys?

4

In what year was Barry Sanders drafted?

5

Which player did the Lions draft in the first round in 2019?

6

How many kickoff returns did Mel Gray have?

7

Which Lions wide receiver set the NFL record for single-season receiving yards?

8

In what year were the Lions founded?



## 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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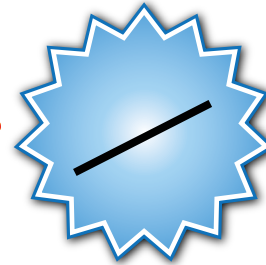
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### KEY WORDS

alternate uniforms  
industry  
logo  
NFL Draft

playoffs  
sacks  
Super Bowl  
title

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1.   
a symbol that stands for a team or organization
2.   
an annual event where the NFL chooses college football players to be new team members
3.   
a group of businesses and factories that produce a specific product or provide a certain service
4.   
the NFL's annual championship game between the winning team from the NFC and the winning team from the AFC

5.   
when a quarterback is tackled behind the line of scrimmage before throwing a forward pass
6.   
a uniform that sports teams may wear in games instead of their home or away uniform
7.   
a championship, medal, or trophy that is the result of winning a sports competition
8.   
the games played following the end of the regular season



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