

## 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 Minnesota Vikings, U.S. Bank Stadium. 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 Vikings' rivals. Write the number for each of these stadiums in the list below the map. Check your answers in the book.




**U.S. BANK STADIUM (MINNESOTA VIKINGS)**

**LUMEN FIELD (SEATTLE SEAHAWKS)**

**MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME (NEW ORLEANS SAINTS)**

**LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD (PHILADELPHIA EAGLES)**



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**Minnesota Vikings**

Reference: Pages 10–11

## 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?



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

1.

During the 1998 season, the Vikings scored this many points to set a league record at the time.

**A. 5**

2.

Paul Krause's strong defensive play led to this many Pro Bowl appearances in his career.

**B. 556**

3.

The Vikings have reached the NFC Championship game this many times since 1978.

**C. 158**

4.

The Vikings have retired this many numbers.

**D. 12**

5.

Coach Bud Grant is still the most successful coach in Vikings history, with this many wins.

**E. 8**

6.

Hall of Famer Cris Carter recorded 110 receiving touchdowns in this many seasons with the Vikings.

**F. 43**

7.

The Vikings played in all purple for the first time in 1964 against the Detroit Lions. They did not wear all purple again for this many years.

**G. 6**



## Timeline Activity

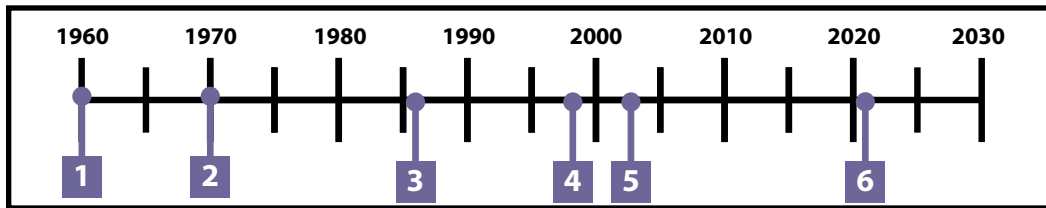
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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline.

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



**1** 1960

**2** 1970

**3** 1986

**4** 1998

**5** 2003

**6** 2021

Fran Tarkenton becomes the first Viking to be elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on August 2 of this year.

The Vikings become an official member of the NFL on January 28, 1960.

The team's offense ranks first in the NFL for the first time in Vikings history.

The Vikings become the first expansion team in the NFL to win a championship game.

The Vikings draft tackle Christian Darrisaw with the 23rd pick of the 2021 NFL Draft.

The team wins their 15th NFC Central Division title, becoming the third team in NFL history to reach the 15–1 mark in a season.



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# Write a Biography

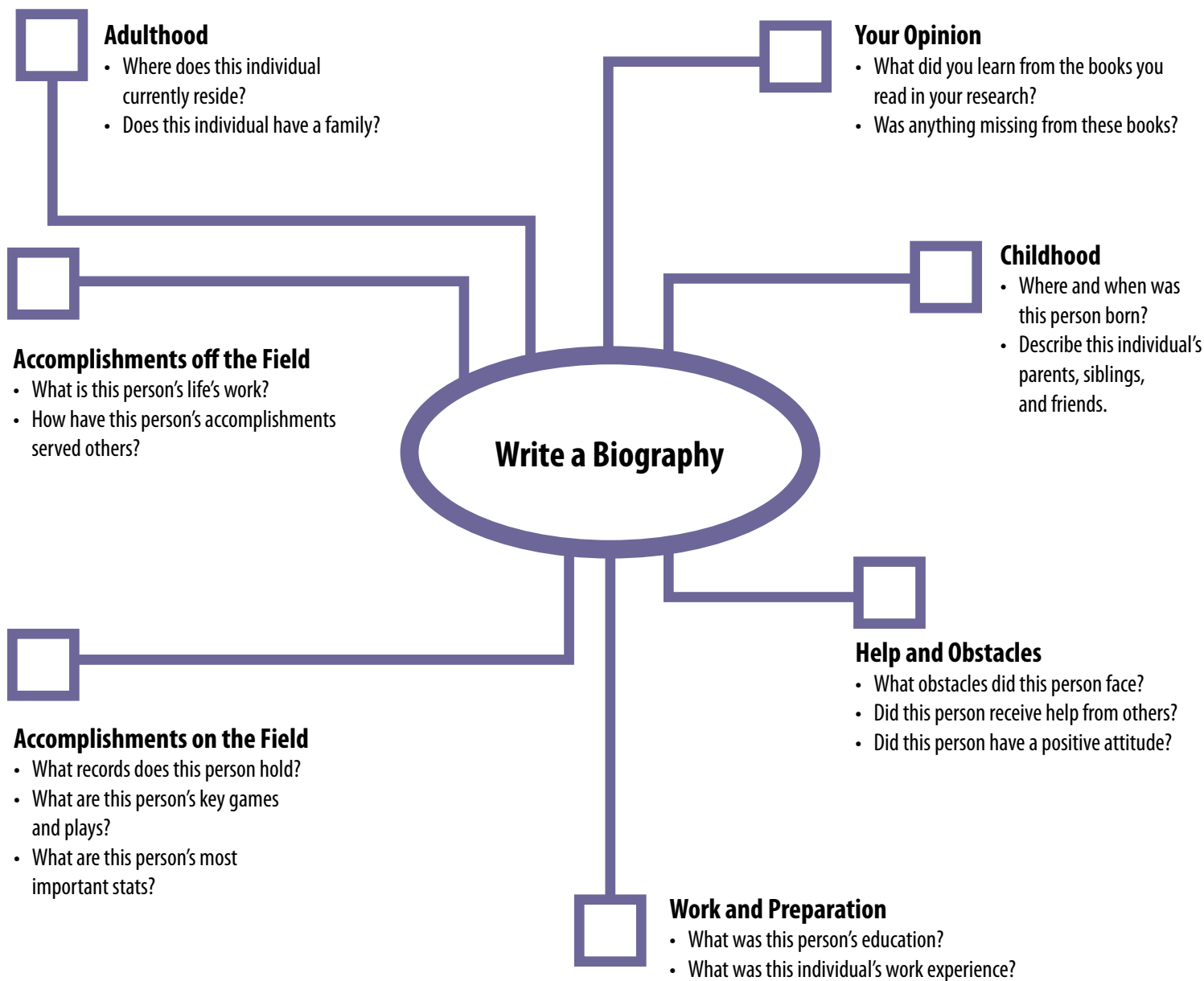
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Use your book, and research in the library and on the internet, to find out more about your favorite Minnesota Vikings player or coach. Learn as much about this person as you can.

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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Reference: Pages 28-29

## Write a Biography

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## Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these questions.

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- 1** In what year were the Minnesota Vikings formed?
- 2** Who was the first Viking elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame?
- 3** What team record does Cris Carter hold?
- 4** In which round was Dalvin Cook drafted?
- 5** What color are the Vikings' home jerseys?
- 6** What position did Jared Allen play?
- 7** How many fans can U.S. Bank Stadium hold?
- 8** What is on each side of the Vikings' helmets?



## 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

alternate uniform  
expansion team  
hall of fame  
logo  
NFL Draft

playoffs  
Pro Bowls  
sacks  
Scandinavian  
trademark

Your  
Score is



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1.   
a word or symbol that a person or team is known for
2.   
a symbol that stands for a team or organization
3.   
a group of persons judged to be outstanding in a sport
4.   
when quarterbacks are tackled behind the line of scrimmage before they can throw a forward pass
5.   
a brand-new team in a sports league, usually from a city that has not hosted a team in that league before
6.   
when quarterbacks are tackled behind the line a uniform that sports teams may wear in games instead of their home or away uniforms
7.   
the people, language, and culture associated with Denmark, Norway, and Sweden
8.   
the annual NFL all-star game pitting the best players in the NFC against the best players in the American Football Conference (AFC)
9.   
the games played following the end of the regular season
10.   
an annual event where the NFL chooses college football players to be new team members

