

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 15 teams in the Western Conference. Look at the map and try to find the home of Colorado Rapids. First, find the number used to mark this location on the map. Then, write that number in the space next to the team’s name in the list below the map.

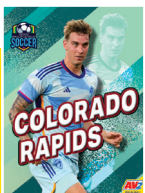
When finished, try to find the locations of some of Colorado Rapids’s rivals. Write the number for each of these locations in the list below the map. Check your answers in the book.



COLORADO RAPIDS
 AUSTIN FC

FC DALLAS
 LA GALAXY

SAN DIEGO FC
 SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES



Write a News Story

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

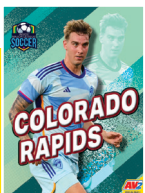
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Exciting moments that happen during soccer games are often the topic of news stories. Choose one of the key events in the book and write a news story about it in the space below.

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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Reference: All Pages

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

1.

After missing the playoffs in 2001, the Rapids made it to the conference finals in this year.

A. 16

2.

DICK'S Sporting Goods Park seats about this many people for sporting events.

B. 2002

3.

The rapids have more than this many followers across their social media platforms.

C. 18,000

4.

Since joining the league, the Colorado Rapids have qualified for the MLS playoffs a total of this many times.

D. 550,000

5.

The Colorado Rapids Press Corps named Djordje Mihailovic both the Player of the Year and Newcomer of the Year in this year.

E. 50

6.

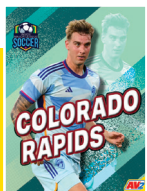
Conor Casey is the Rapids' all-time leading goal-scorer, with a total of this many.

F. 2024

7.

Pablo Mastroeni holds the club record for most appearances, with 225.

G. 225



Timeline Activity

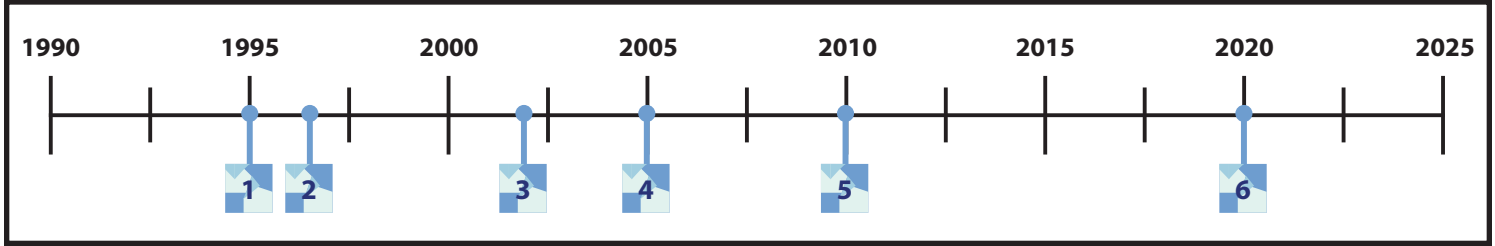
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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline.

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



1 1995

2 1996

3 2002

4 2005

5 2010

6 2020

In September, ground breaks on DICK'S Sporting Goods Park, Colorado's new soccer-specific venue.

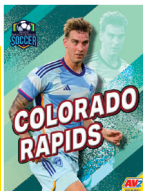
2010 Colorado defeats FC Dallas 2-1 in the MLS Cup final, earning the franchise's first major trophy.

The Colorado Rapids join MLS as one of the league's founding members.

In honor of the team's 25th MLS season, RapidMan returns. In September, Colorado has two 5-0 wins, their biggest in franchise history.

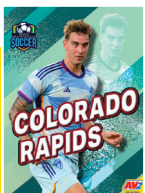
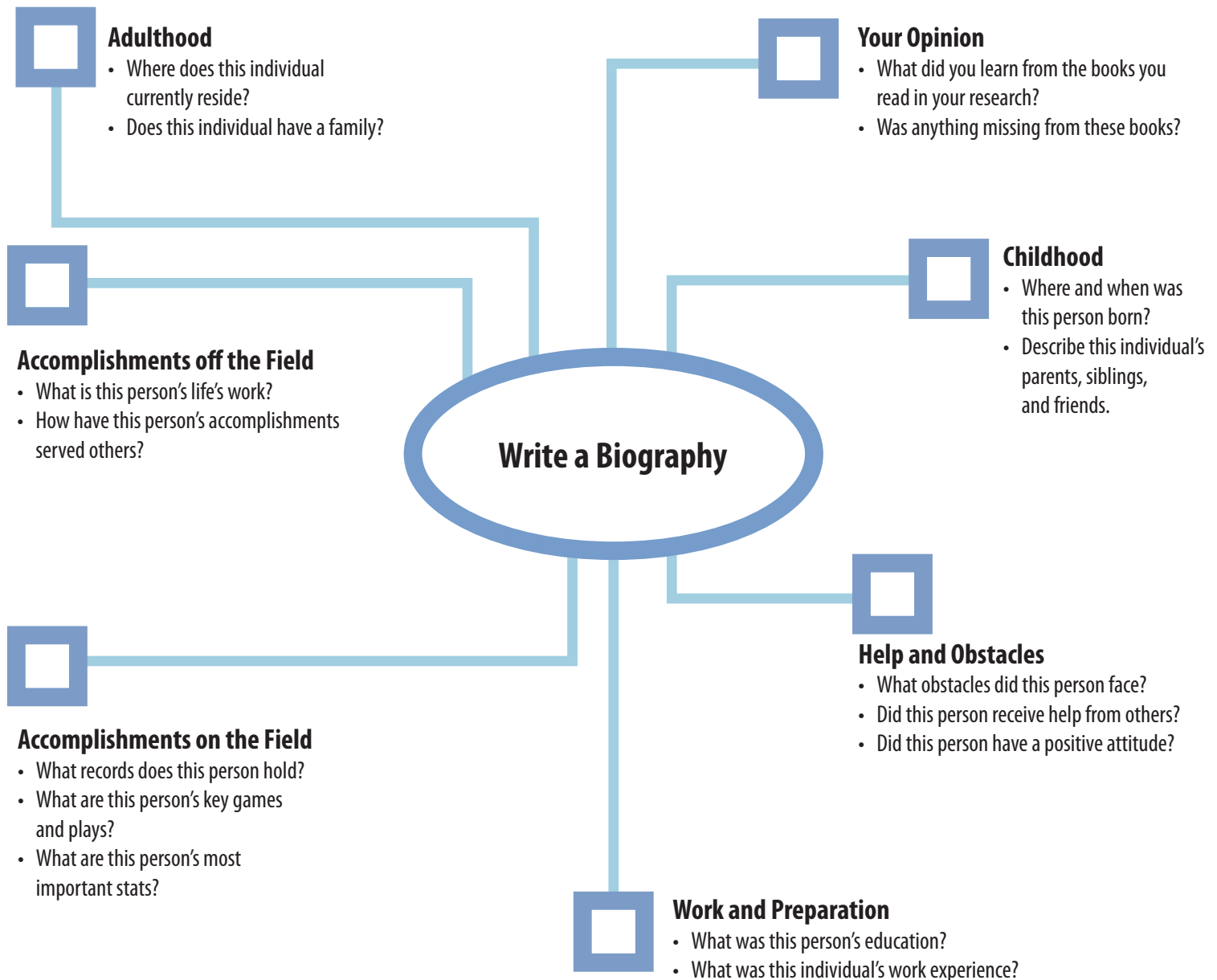
The Rapids move from Mile High Stadium to the newly built Invesco Field at Mile High.

The Rapids play their first MLS season. Chris Henderson is named the club's first MVP.



Use your book, and research in the library and on the internet, to find out more about your favorite Colorado Rapids 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?

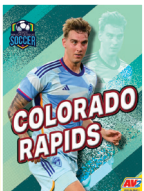


Write a Biography

Use the space below to write your biography.
If you need more space, print another copy of this page.

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Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these questions.

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1 Who scored the tying goal in Colorado's MLS Cup win?

2 How many assists does Chris Henderson have?

3 Who are the Rapids' four animal mascots?

4 In what year did the Rapids win the MLS Cup?

5 Which former head coach holds the franchise record for most matches?

6 Where is DICK'S Sporting Goods Park?

7 What is Colorado's new away kit called?

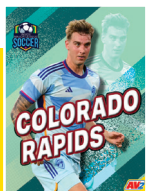
8 What was the Rapids' first home venue?

9 Who was Colorado's top scorer in 2024?

10 Why is Denver nicknamed the "Mile High City?"

11 Who won Colorado's Defensive Player of the Year award in 2024?

12 What record did Marcelo Balboa set in May 2001?



Key Words Match-Up

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

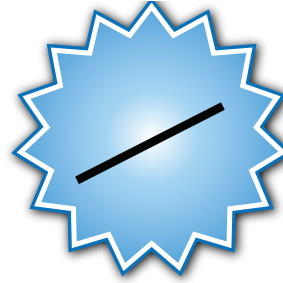
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KEY WORDS

defender	logo
pitches	elevation homegrown
goalkeeper	player
assists	metropolitan area
clubs	academy

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1.

symbols made up of text and images that identify a team

2.

passes that lead directly to a goal

3.

a player on a soccer team whose job it is to stop opponents from scoring

4.

a player on a soccer team whose job it is to stop opponents from scoring

5.

areas that are used for playing sports

6.

also called a goalie, the player responsible for keeping the ball from going into the goal and the only player who is allowed to pick up the ball

7.

a place where people train in a special field

8.

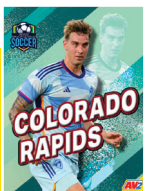
a player signed directly to a team from its own academy program

9.

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10.

appearances in international matches



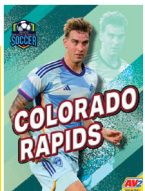
Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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- 1** Conor Casey
- 2** 53
- 3** Edson the Eagle, Marco Von Bison, Jorge El Mapache, and Franz the Fox
- 4** 2010
- 5** Glenn Myernick
- 6** Dalmatian
- 7** MLS Coach of the Year
- 8** Mile High Stadium
- 9** Rafael Navarro
- 10** It has an elevation of 1 mile (1.6 km)
- 11** Zack Steffen
- 12** The first defender ever to tally more than 20 goals and 20 assists



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