

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 Minnesota United FC. 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 Minnesota United FC’s rivals. Write the number for each of these locations in the list below the map. Check your answers in the book.



MINNESOTA UNITED FC
 HOUSTON DYNAMIC FC

REAL SALT LAKE
 PORTLAND TIMBERS

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS
 SAN DIEGO FC



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?



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

1.

Allianz Field opened with this many seats.

A. 2010

2.

The loon on the club's logo has this many spread feathers, which stands for the amount of players on the field.

B. 11

3.

In what year was NSC Minnesota founded, before it joined MLS?

C. 2020

4.

The Wonderwall supporters' section has an incline of nearly this many degrees, making it not only the steepest in MLS, but in the entire world.

D. 52,242

5.

Minnesota United FC set a franchise record for attendance on October 21, 2018. The match against the LA Galaxy, the Loons' last at TCF Bank Stadium, drew a crowd of this many people.

E. 19,400

6.

The appointment of Eric Ramsay in 2024 made him the youngest MLS manager at the time, at only this age.

F. 32

7.

In January of this year, at only 15 years old, Fred Emmings became the first player from MNUFC's development academy to join the team.

G. 35



Timeline Activity

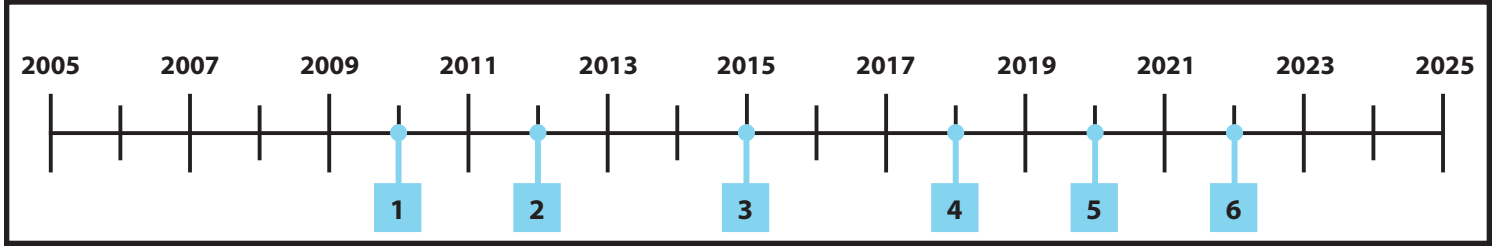
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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline.

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



1 2010

2 2012

3 2015

4 2018

5 2020

6 2022

MNUFC has its biggest victory in franchise history in June, and the club ends the season with its best placements to date. The Loons also make their first appearances in the MLS playoffs.

NASL team NSC Minnesota is founded. The club wins the NASL Championship the following year.

NSC Minnesota is renamed Minnesota Stars FC. They are rebranded as Minnesota United FC in 2013.

It is announced that Minnesota has been awarded an MLS expansion franchise.

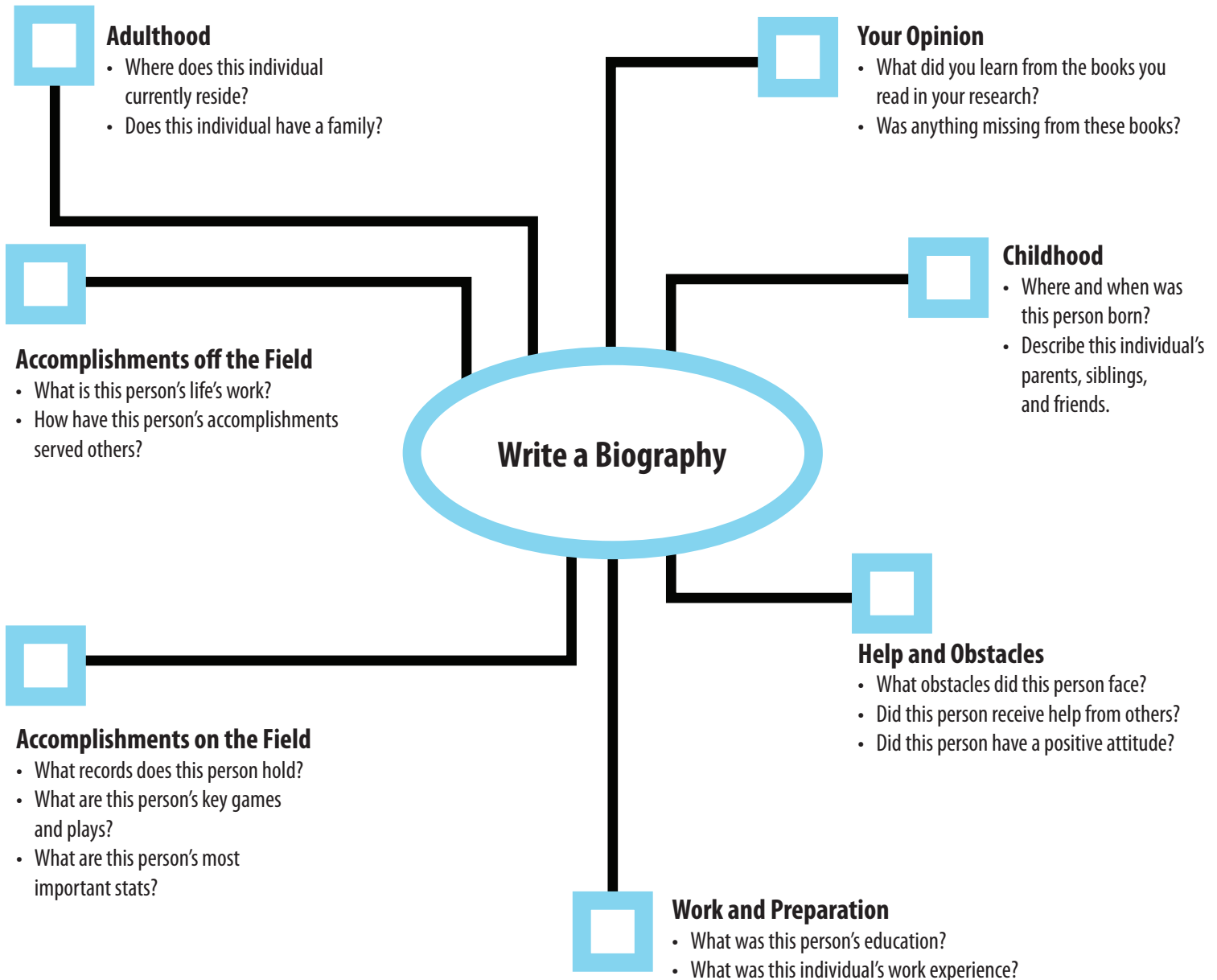
The Loons qualify for the playoffs for the fourth year in a row.

Minnesota United FC signs its first homegrown player, Fred Emmings, in January. The club has its best playoff run ever, making it to the Western Conference Finals.



Use your book, and research in the library and on the internet, to find out more about your favorite Minnesota United FC 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

What away kit was introduced in February 2025?

2

Who was the youngest MLS manager at the time he was hired in 2024?

3

Where is Bongokuhle Hlongwane from?

4

Which Loon is the club's all-time leading goal scorer?

5

How old was Fred Emmings when he became MNUFC's first homegrown player?

6

What is the supporters' section of Allianz Field called?

7

Who won the 2022 MLS All-Star MVP award?

8

Where did the Loons play before Allianz Field was built?

9

Who scored the first hat trick in franchise history?

10

What was the final score in MNUFC's biggest ever win against FC Cincinnati? "

11

In what year was NASL team NSC Minnesota founded?

12

Which two Minnesota cities form the Twin Cities?



Key Words Match-Up

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

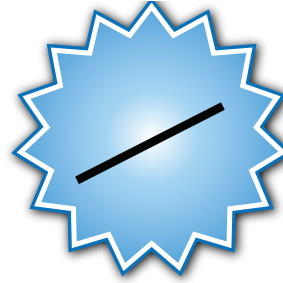
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KEY WORDS

expansion team	clean sheets
MLS SuperDraft	assists
goalkeeper	logo
clubs	defender
pitch	

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1.
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

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.
an area that is used for playing sports

5.
groups focused on a particular interest or activity

6.
the selection of college soccer players by MLS teams to help build their roster

7.
a symbol made up of text and images that identifies a team

8.
a new team formed when a league expands its membership, made up mainly of players from established league teams

9.
games in which no goals are conceded



Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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- 1** The Convergence Kit
- 2** Eric Ramsay
- 3** Nxamalala, South Africa
- 4** Robin Lod
- 5** 15 years old
- 6** The Wonderwall
- 7** Dayne St. Clair
- 8** TCF Bank Stadium
- 9** Darwin Quintero
- 10** 7-1
- 11** 2010
- 12** Minneapolis and Saint Paul



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Minnesota United FC

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