

CLOSE READING

DIFFERENTIATED

Task 1 - Read & Annotate

Name: _____ Day: _____

As you read through the passage, use the following strategies to help you understand the text:

- Circle powerful words.
- Underline words you don't know.
- Place a question mark next to a word you don't understand.
- Write an exclamation mark next to a word you think is important.
- Draw an arrow from a word to its definition.
- Write your own definition for a word.

First Reading

1. What is this passage about?
2. When and where did it happen?
3. Who is known as the "Father of American Football"?
4. Who was the first professional football player?
5. Describe the first professional football game.

Task 2 - VOCABULARY

Name: _____ Day: _____

Read The History of American Football a second time. Find four words which are unfamiliar to you. Write them in the table below.

DEFINITION	SYNONYM
WORD	
EXAMPLE SENTENCE	
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WORD	
EXAMPLE SENTENCE	

Task 3 - Reread & Dig Deeper

Name: _____ Day: _____

Reread the passage The History of American Football. Use evidence from the passage to answer the following questions:

Text Evidence Questions:

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. List three details that support the main idea.
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
3. Give 2 ways that Walter Camp changed the game of football.
4. Cite 2 pieces of evidence from the text that show how football equipment has changed over time.
a) _____
b) _____
5. Explain why interest in professional football picked up after World War II.
6. Explain why television changed the world of football.

CREATE A FOOTBALL TEAM

Name: _____ Date: _____

You have been given the task of creating a brand-new professional football team. Decide on a name, mascot, and other details. Design a jersey and helmet, and fill in all the information below.

TEAM NAME _____

MASCOT _____

TEAM COLORS _____

CITY & STATE _____

The History of American Football

Margin Notes

From high school championship games to college bowls to the Super Bowl, football games are viewed and celebrated by millions of people throughout the United States and the world every year. The sport we know as American football has changed a lot through the years.

American football originated at universities throughout the United States in the late 1800s. On November 6, 1869, the first college football game was held in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where the Rutgers defeated Princeton with a score of 6-4. This match, as well as many other first college football games, was similar to soccer. Harvard University, however, preferred a rugby-soccer style of game, called the "Boston Game". Before long, several colleges were playing rugby-style football.

So how did football change into the game we recognize today? A Yale medical student named Walter Camp played halfback and also served as his team's captain. He helped make some big changes to the game. First, a team would have to give up the ball after failing to move down the field a certain distance in a specific number of "downs". He also introduced the 11-man team, the line of scrimmage, the quarterback position, and the scoring system we use today. Camp went on to coach the Yale team to a 67-2 record from 1888-1892. He is known today as the "Father of American Football".


The first championship game for the Intercollegiate Football Association was played in New York City on Thanksgiving Day in 1876. While football is still a big Thanksgiving tradition, New Year's Day became the main holiday for college football championships. The "Rose Bowl" football championship began in 1916, and is still a popular event today!

The first professional football player was Yaler's William "Pudge" Haffelinger, who received \$500 to play for the Allegheny Athletic Club in 1892. The popularity of football continued to grow, and the professional football officially began when four clubs joined together to form the American Professional Football Association in 1920. That association changed in 1922 to become the National Football League (NFL).

Although many NFL teams struggled and failed during the Great Depression in the 1930s, professional football picked up steam after the war. The sport's popularity brought football right into the living room, and television made it possible for more than ever thought possible. In 1957, the NFL's first television broadcast was on for a record-breaking 5.7 million viewers.

Other things have changed over time. First football uniforms were made of heavy wool. Players blew their noses into their jerseys, which were often made of soft leather. Football helmets were made of leather and had no face masks. Many of the early players were injured, and some died.

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HISTORY OF FOOTBALL

Informational Passage At 2 Differentiated Levels

Lexile Level
is given for
each
passage.

The History of American Football

From high school championship games to college bowls to the Super Bowl, millions of people watch football games every year. The sport we know has changed a lot through the years.

American football began in colleges throughout the United States. On November 6, 1869, the first college football game was played in Brunswick, New Jersey. In the game, Rutgers beat Princeton. This first game was quite a bit like soccer. Harvard University played games in a rugby-soccer style, called the "Boston Game". By 1888-1892, several colleges were playing rugby-style football.

So how did football change into the game we know today? A Yale medical student named Walter Camp played halfback and served as team captain. He made some big changes to the game. First, a team would have to move down the field in a certain number of plays. He introduced the 11-man team, the line of scrimmage, the quarterback position, and the scoring system we use today. Camp went on to coach the Yale team to a 67-2 record from 1888-1892. He is known as the "Father of American Football".

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The first professional football player was Yale's William "Pudge" Heffelfinger, who earned \$500 to play for the Allegheny Athletic Association against their big rival, the Pittsburgh Athletic Club in 1892. The popularity of football continued to grow, and the American Professional Football Association was formed in 1920. That association changed in 1922 to become the National Football League (NFL).

Many NFL teams struggled during the Great Depression in the 1930s, but professional football picked up steam after World War II. Why? Well, television brought football right into the living rooms of many homes across the nation. TV brought new money to the sport, and talented players began to gain contracts for more money than ever thought possible. In fact, in 1965 rookie quarterback Joe Namath was signed on for a record-breaking \$427,000 with the NY Jets.

Other things have changed in the world of football through the years. For example, the first footballs used in the game were actually pigs' bladders, which were inflated up by officials used until the 1920s. Even then, they were made of soft leather and gave little protection. Shoes, padding, and facemasks have also changed over time to make the game safer for players.

While the equipment and the game itself have changed in many ways, the popularity and love of the sport have only grown stronger through time. It is now a great American tradition. Touchdown!

Lexile 800

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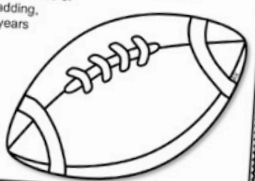
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Reference Chart, Annotating Guide, Close Reading Directions

CLOSE READ S

The following steps are a suggested sequence in which to read the contents of this packet. This approach will require 3 readings of each passage, requiring students to dig deeper with each reading. The packet is designed to be completed in one day. Each task per passage, each passage should take one day.

1st Reading: Student reads the passage. They use their annotation marks to identify questions they have, and parts of the passage that are interesting. Complete **Task 1: Read & Respond**. This task includes some basic recall questions.

2nd Reading: Teacher (or parent) reads the passage a second time while students listen and take notes. Complete **Task 2: Vocabulary**. This task helps students gain a better understanding of unfamiliar words, leading to a deeper connection with the text.

3rd Reading: Students respond in writing, citing text. Complete **Task 3: Reread & Dig Deeper**. This task helps students use and cite text evidence. Additionally, students will complete **Task 4: Respond** and **Task 5: Write**. These tasks will help students use the information they have constructed and supported with evidence.

Annotating Markers

As you read through the passage, make the following marks:

- Circle powerful words.
- Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- Place a question mark next to something that you don't understand. Think of a question to ask.
- Write an exclamation point next to something that is interesting.
- Draw an arrow next to a personal connection, a word, or an idea.
- Write your initial thoughts in the margin.

Lexile Levels Conversion Chart

Each passage in this Close Reading Packet is provided at 2 different reading levels, so that you may differentiate your instruction and student practice more easily. The informational content of the 2 versions is the same, but the reading levels are different. All question sheets are the same. This makes it easy for you to provide reading passages on each student's level, but use the same question and activity sheets for the entire class!

NOTE: The Lexile Level is written on the bottom left corner of each passage.

Grade Level	Lexile	Fountas & Pinnell
1	Up to 300	E
1	Up to 300	F
1	Up to 300	G
1	80-450	H
1-2	80-450	I
2	80-450	J
2	501-550	K
2	551-650	L
3	551-650	M
3	520-730	N
3	570-770	O
4	620-820	P
4	740-900	Q
5	790-940	R
5	830-1010	S
5	880-1010	T
6	920-1010	U-W
6	925-1070	W+
7	970-1120	W+

5 Days of Close Reading Activities

Task 1 - Read & Annotate

Name: _____ Day: _____

As you read through *The History of American Football* for the first time, use your annotating marks and write important notes in the margin. Then, answer these questions:

- Circle powerful words or phrases.
- Underline words or phrases.
- Place a question mark in the margin.
- Write an exclamation mark in the margin.
- Draw an arrow between related words or ideas.
- Write your important notes in the margin.

First Reading Questions

1. What is this passage mostly about?
2. When and where was the passage written?
3. Who is known as the "Father of American Football"?
4. Who was the first professional football player?
5. Describe the first football game.

Task 2 - VOCABULARY

Name: _____ Day: _____

Read *The History of American Football* a second time. Find words which are unfamiliar to you.

DEFINITION SYNONYM

WORD

EXAMPLE SENTENCE

DEFINITION SYNONYM

WORD

EXAMPLE SENTENCE

Task 3 - Reread & Respond

Name: _____ Day: _____

Reread the passage *The History of American Football*. Use evidence from the passage to answer the questions below.

Text Evidence Questions

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
2. List three details that support the main idea.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
3. Give 2 ways that Walter Camp's ideas changed over time.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
4. Cite 2 pieces of evidence that show how the game of football has changed over time.
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
5. Explain why interest in professional football picked up after World War I.
6. Explain why television changed the world of football.

Task 4 - Reread & Respond

Name: _____ Day: _____

Reread the passage *The History of American Football*. Complete the chart below, listing four details supporting the statement.

Detail 1

Detail 3

Task 5 - Summarize

Name: _____ Day: _____

Using the organizer from Task 4, write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

A SUMMARY OF THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Summary writing area with lines for text.

End of Unit Compare/Contrast Writing Activities

LONG AGO

TODAY

Similarities

Compare and contrast football from long ago and with football today. In the outside parts of the circles, list ways that football in the two times are different (contrast). In the "Similarities" section, list ways they are the same (compare).

Name: _____

Compare & Contrast

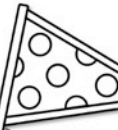

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TEAM NAME

MASCOT



TEAM COLORS

CITY & STATE


CREATE A FOOTBALL TEAM

Name: _____

CREATE A FOOTBALL TEAM

Name: _____ Date: _____



A large, black-and-white line drawing of a football jersey. The jersey has a V-neck collar, short sleeves with three horizontal stripes on each cuff, and a curved hem. The entire drawing is enclosed within a decorative border consisting of a thick black line with small white squares along its inner edge.

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Answer Keys Provided

Task 1 - Read & Annotate

ANSWER KEY

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- Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- Place a question mark near something that makes you think of a question.
- Write an exclamation mark near something that surprises you.
- Draw an arrow where you make a personal connection to certain words or ideas.
- Write your important thoughts in the margins.

First Reading Questions:

Some answers may vary.

1. What is this passage mostly about?
This passage is mostly about the game of football and how it has changed through the years.
2. When and where was the first college football game played?
The first college football game was played in New Brunswick, New Jersey on November 6, 1869.
3. Who is known as the "Father of American Football"?
Walter Camp is known as the "Father of American Football".
4. Who was the first professional football player and how much did he earn?
William "Pudge" Heffelfinger earned \$500 for playing in a game.
5. Describe the first footballs used in the game.
The first footballs used in the game were actually pigs' bladders. Players blew them up and tied a knot on the end.

Task 3 - Reread & Dig Deeper

ANSWER KEY

Reread the passage The History of American Football. Use evidence from the passage to answer the following questions:

Text Evidence Questions:

Some answers may vary.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
The game of football has changed in many ways through the years.
2. List three details that support the main idea:
 - a) The first game was quite a bit like soccer.
 - b) Before long, several colleges were playing rugby-style football.
 - c) Professional football officially began when four clubs joined together to form the American Professional Football Association in 1920.
3. Give 2 ways that Walter Camp changed the game of football.
A team would have to give up the ball after failing to move down the field in a certain number of downs. He started the 11-man team.
4. Cite 2 pieces of evidence from the text that show how football equipment has changed over time.
 - a) The first footballs used were actually pigs' bladders.
 - b) Helmets were not used until the 1920s.
5. Explain why interest in professional football picked up after World War II.
Television brought football into the living rooms of homes everywhere.
6. Explain why television changed the world of football.
TV brought new money to the sport. Talented players gained contracts for more money than ever thought possible.