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Family Times

Summary

Jim Thorpe's Bright Path

It wasn't easy for Jim Thorpe to become a famous and respected athlete. As an American Indian, he was discriminated against and separated from his family. His twin brother died when they were only nine years old. His mother and father also died when he was still in school. But he learned to move forward with his life because he was so inspired by his family and his people.

Activity

Stories of Perseverance Perseverance is the ability to stick to a purpose even though it's hard. Jim Thorpe showed perseverance by staying in school even though it was difficult for him. Discuss with your family times when you have showed perseverance.



Comprehension Skill

Fact and Opinion

A **statement of fact** can be proved true or false. A **statement of opinion** is what someone thinks or feels. Statements of opinion often contain words that make judgments, such as *interesting* or *beautiful*.

Activity

A Tale of Two Shirts With a family member, choose two shirts to write about. Write two sentences for each shirt: one telling a fact about the shirts and one telling an opinion. Share your sentences with one another.

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Jim Thorpe's Bright Path*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

boarding school school with buildings where the students live during the school term

dormitory a building with many rooms for sleeping in. Many colleges have dormitories for students whose homes are somewhere else.

endurance power to last and to withstand hard wear

manual done with the hands

reservation land set aside by the government for a special purpose

society the people of any particular time or place

Conventions

Capitalization and Abbreviations

You know you need a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence or as the first letter in a person's name. You must also capitalize names of organizations; newspapers and magazines; titles of works of art; musical compositions; professional titles; and the first letter of abbreviations. *For example: Trees for Life Foundation, the Chicago Crier, the Mona Lisa, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Doctor Barnes; Sun., Mon., Mrs., Dr.* Also capitalize the first word in quotations: *John Porter said, "There is never a right time to do a difficult thing."*

Activity

A Capital Letter Pretend you are writing a letter to a friend. You want to talk about your favorite magazine, song, and movie. With a family member, write the letter and address an envelope using the rules of capitalization. The return name and address should be yours. You may make up the friend's name and address.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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