



A Lesson on The Football Team by Shaun Whitcomb

Grade Level: Grade 4

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 30 minutes or less

Lesson Keywords: <https://operations.nfl.com/learn-the-game/nfl-basics/terms-glossary/>

Lesson Description: This lesson teaches students how the characteristics of a football team is very important and the definitions of certain football terms

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.1: Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.2: Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.3: Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).

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Lesson Content: Book/Story/Reading Passage

Instructions: Please read the following reading passage as many times as needed (aloud and silent) before starting to go through other lesson pages. Understanding the content of this passage is very important since the lesson activities will be all about this content. Feel free to print the passage if needed.

The Football Team

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Content: A team is a group of people with a common goal. A schools football team has two goals. One goal is to win. That is what the team wants to do. The other goal is to build character. Character is what a person values, how a person relates to others. That is why schools have football teams. They want to help students build good values.

There are many character traits that a football player can develop. One is leadership. The quarterback of the team is a leader. The quarterback makes choices which play to make, who will get the ball. The quarterback has a big job. The quarterback has to inspire the players to work together. If they are losing, the quarterback has to work even harder, to give the players hope they still can win.

There is another leader, too. The leader of the defensive group. When the defensive group is playing, that means the team may lose points. So the leader has to keep the team members working together to stop that.

Each team member builds character. They learn to cooperate. They learn to make good decisions. They work hard. They practice every day. They learn to follow the rules. If a team member does not follow the rules, the entire team suffers.

Each team member has a position. Each position is part of winning. No one player has the ability to win the game for the team. Only if the team works together does a team win.

People often say, There is no I in TEAM.

Whether the team wins or loses, at the end of the game they congratulate the other team. That is called sportsmanship. While they fight to win during the game, it is just a game. They cannot be angry with the other team. If they are, they'll hear from their coach.

The coach makes sure the team reaches the schools goal. The coach cares about the whole team. The coach gives each player advice. When the team wins, everyone celebrates. And the coach is glad. But after the season is over, the coach is still happy. The coach gets to see the players as they go to school every day. The character they have built is part of their success in school, too.

Some coaches say that if you go into a classroom at their school you'll be able to tell the players. It is not that they are bigger than the other students. It is the ones who are helping other students work. Teamwork is part of their lives.

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Task 1: Vocabulary

Instructions: Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

Q: 1 WordPhrase: Team **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: What does the word "team" mean

A: A group of people fighting for a common goal

B: A singular person competing to win

C: The people on the bleachers watching the game

D: The man making calls and letting the quarterback know when he can start the play

Question: I was on the chess team in college.

My dad loved the team back in the day.

The harnesssed team was ready to go.

We're short handed and the team was affected.

Which sentence is used correctly

A: 1st

B: 2nd

C: 3rd

D: 4th

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Q: 2 WordPhrase: Coach **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: What does the word coach mean?

A: The person who is the leader of the offense and makes me the play calls

B: The person who is the leader of the defense and makes me the play calls

C: The people on the bleachers watching the game

D: The person on the sideline who leads the entire team and makes the calls to win the game

Question: The Quarterback is the leader of the offense, the Linebacker is the leader of the defense, and the ____ is the leader of the entire team

A: Coach

B: Referee

C: Parent

D: Running Back

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Task 2: Forum Discussion

Instructions: This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and and two peer responses for each topic.

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Why is leadership so important for football team? Will the team be successful if the team lacks leadership??

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: You are to write and post here 500 words essay on why leadership is so important to a football team, and write about a time in your life where leadership was displayed.... Make sure to provide specific examples.

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