

Canadian Hockey Stars

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Word count: 152

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Overview

This book introduces some Black Canadian hockey players who battled discrimination to achieve success. Students learn how some players have supported their communities.

Genre/Text Type

Non-fiction/Biography, Report

Text Features

Boldface type, captions, fact boxes, glossary, headings, italics, labels, maps, photos, pronunciation guide, table of contents

Connection

Social Studies

Diversity in Canada

Vocabulary

Words that might require clarification include *accepted* (adjective), *banned*, *barriers*, *defence player*, *hateful*, *insult* (noun), *paved the way*, *online market*, *physical* (referring to body contact), *protest* (noun), *reach the top*, *supports* (helps), *stunned*, *Swahili*, and *university degree*. Additional words are defined in the glossary.

Extending Knowledge

Consider **researching** with students some of the Black Canadian athletes listed beside the glossary. You might ask students to choose one of the athletes and write two or three sentences about that person, focusing on achievements and/or challenges.

eBook Activities

Predicting (table of contents); **Analyzing and Evaluating** (page 9); **Inferring** (page 12)

Extensions

Inferring: Some players knelt during a national anthem to protest racism. What are some examples of other ways to protest about an issue? Why are protests sometimes effective in creating change?

Making Connections: You might discuss with students how all people face challenges at some times in their lives. In a classroom discussion, students could respond to this question: *What did you learn from this book that could help you with challenges in your life in the future?*

Summarizing: **AT HOME** Choose a player in the book. Use your own words to tell an adult at home the three most important facts you learned about this player.

