



Cooperation and Competition

UNIT OPENER
Unit 1, Grade 5

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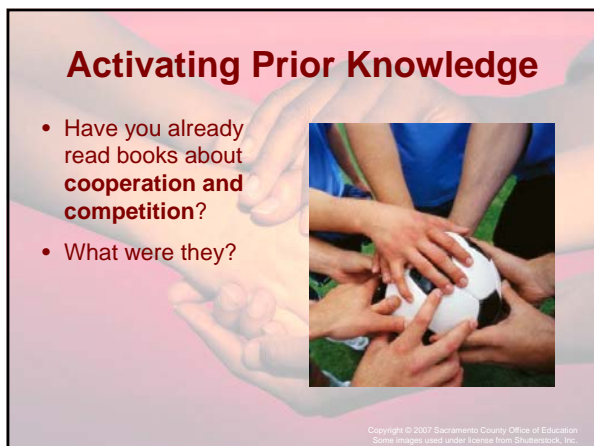


Activating Prior Knowledge

What do you know about
cooperation and competition?




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Activating Prior Knowledge


- Have you already read books about **cooperation and competition?**
- What were they?



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Activating Prior Knowledge


What are the **narrative genres** that an author can choose from?



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“Babe Didrikson”


- “Babe Didrikson” is a biography by Amelie Welden.
- A **biography** is a factual account of an actual person’s life, written by someone else.



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“Babe Didrikson”

Babe excelled at sports during a time when very few women could make careers as professional athletes.



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“Babe Didrikson”

- Amelie wrote projects designed to empower girl readers.
- She tells aspiring writers, “...Everyday practice improves writing skills and generates ideas. Also, reading is a great way to get inspiration and to learn about different forms & styles of writing.”



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Focus Questions

- What personality traits did Babe possess that helped her become a successful **competitor**?
- In what ways were her successes dependent on her ability to **cooperate**?



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Discussing “Babe Didrikson”

- What are examples of **competition** from Babe’s life?
- Which examples involve **competition**?



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Discussing “Babe Didrikson”

What are examples of **cooperation** from Babe's life?



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Discussing “Babe Didrikson”

How did Babe's strong **competitive** streak help her later in life?



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Discussing “Babe Didrikson”

- How did the story relate to **cooperation and competition**?
- What did you learn about **cooperation and competition**?
- Did the story change any of your ideas about **cooperation and competition**?



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Discussing “Babe Didrikson”

- What did **cooperation and competition** mean to Babe?
- How did Babe feel about **sportsmanship**?




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Setting Reading Goals

Let's **browse** the selections.

As you read:

- **Make predictions!**
- **Ask questions!**



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Setting Reading Goals

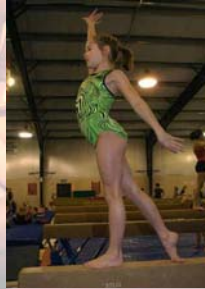
- When is it important to be **cooperative**?
- When is it important to be **competitive**?



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Setting Reading Goals

- What can you learn from reading the selections?
- What have stories you have already read about teach you about **cooperation and competition**?



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