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Lesson #	Read Aloud Text:	Open-Ended Discussion Question:	Character Trait	Quote	Partner Reading Text:
1 Week 1 Lesson 1	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 1 "The New Guy" (pp. 1-15)	Explain where this story takes place. What evidence do you have to support your thinking?	Individualism	"If I'm compared to Babe Ruth or Willie Mays, that's great. But I'm just going to go out there and be myself." Ken Griffey, Jr.	Author Study on Matt Christopher: Biography on Matt Christopher: <i>Behind the Desk with Matt Christopher: The #1 Sportswriter for Kids</i> By Dale Christopher
2 Week 1 Lesson 2	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 1 (pp 16-25)	Who was "the new guy" that this chapter was titled after? What do you notice about this new guy? What predictions do you have about the new guy?	Tenacity	"The other guys, all they have to do is use their big python arms to hit homers. Me, I'm the little guy in the group. People always root for the little guy." Ken Griffey, Jr.	Baseball Biographies Written By Matt Christopher: <i>One the Field with....Albert Pujols</i> <i>On the Mound with...Curt Schilling</i> <i>At the Plate with...Ken Griffey, Jr.</i> <i>At the Plate with...Mark McGwire</i>
3 Week 1 Lesson 3	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 2 "1--Pitcher" (pp. 16-25) ½ of chapter	Why did Maggie think Treecie was lucky? Who is someone you think is lucky? Why do you think they are lucky?	Confidence	"I just want to be the best player I can be. I'm tougher on myself than anybody." Reporter asked, "If there was one thing you could change about yourself?" Ken Griffey, Jr. replied, "Nothing."	<i>At the Plate with...Mo Vaughn</i> <i>At the Plate with...Sammy Sosa</i> <i>On the Field with...Derek Jeter</i> <i>On the Mound with...Greg Maddux</i>
4 Week 1 Lesson 4	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 2 "1--Pitcher" (pp. 36-42)	Why did Jim have to keep a score sheet to keep up with what was happening in the game? What are your thoughts about how different this from watching a baseball game on television today?	Ambitious	"This is something I dreamed about as a little kid, being back in my hometown (Cincinnati) where I watched so many great players." Ken Griffey, Jr.	<i>On the Field with...Alex Rodriguez</i> <i>At the Plate with...Ichiro</i>
5 Week 1 Lesson 5	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 3 "The New Favorite" (pp. 43-49)	What did Joey-Mick tell Maggie was "double stupid"? What are your thoughts about this idea? Do you agree or disagree with Joey-Mick? Explain.	Faith	"As long as I have fun playing, the stats will take care of themselves." Ken Griffey, Jr.	Basketball Biographies Written By Matt Christopher: <i>On the Court with...Dwight Howard</i> <i>On the Court with...LeBron James</i> <i>On the Court with...Yao Ming</i>
6 Week 2 Lesson 1	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 4 "Playoff" (pp.50-60)	What does Maggie realize about her mom? Do you think there are things about your own parents that you never noticed before? Explain your thinking.	Confidence	"You know your talent. You know if you work hard, your hard work is going to pay off one day." Albert Pujols	<i>On the Court with...Shaquille O'Neal</i> <i>On the Court with...Grant Hill</i>
7 Week 2 Lesson 2	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapter 4 "Playoff" (pp. 61-71))	What does Jim mean by the following quote, "Gotta get in some good times pretty quick,"? What does this have to do with him being drafted? How do you know?	Cooperative	"I'm a teammate guy, so whatever I can do to help my team win like I have the past two years, that's what I want to do. If it takes for me to play first base, third base, right field, I just want to win the game." Albert Pujols	<i>On the Court with...Kobe Bryant</i>
8 Week 2 Lesson 3	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 5 "Dear Jim" (pp.72-80)	How do you think Maggie felt when Jim leaves for the Army? How do you think Jim feels? How would you have felt if you had been Maggie? Jim? What does this situation remind you of? Why?	Attentive	"To me playing third base and left field and moving all over the place, it doesn't bother me because I still have to grab that bat and hit no matter where I play." Albert Pujols	Soccer Biographies Written By Matt Christopher: <i>In the Goal with...Briana Scurry</i> <i>On the Field with...Julie Foudy</i>
9 Week 2 Lesson 4	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 5 "Dear Jim" (pp.81-91) ½ of chapter	Sketch a picture of what you think the black-and-white photo of Jim and Jae-hyung looked like. What details from the text helped you create this picture in your mind?	Learner	"I'm a really smart player. If you tell me something, I get it quickly. If there is something wrong with my hitting, tell me what's wrong and I'll pick it up right away. That's the best thing I have going for me, my ability to listen to a	



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10 Week 2 Lesson 5	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 6 "Game Seven" (pp.92-97)	Why do you think Maggie has not heard from Jim? What do you predict will happen in the second half of the book? Explain your thinking.	Courageous	"I don't think there's anything out there I can be afraid of." Albert Pujols	
11 Week 3 Lesson 1	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 7 "Territory" (pp.98-104)	What is one thing you have learned about the war based on Maggie's personal research? What are you wondering about in regards to the war?	Dependable	"I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me...All I ask is that you respect me as a human being." Jackie Robinson	<i>On the Field with...Terrell Davis</i> Tennis Biographies Written By Matt Christopher:
12 Week 3 Lesson 2	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 7 "Territory" (reread pp 103-104, read pp. 105-109)	Explain the two reasons why Maggie wished the war would end. How does this remind you of something happening in the world today? How are the events similar? Different?	Leadership	"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." Jackie Robinson	<i>On the Court with...Jennifer Capriati</i> <i>On the Court with...Venus & Serena Williams</i> Golf Biographies Written By Matt Christopher:
13 Week 3 Lesson 3	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 8 "Points" (pp.105-117)	Based on the end of page 111, what do you think has happened? Explain your thinking.	Advocate	"The right of every American to first-class citizenship is the most important issue of our time." Jackie Robinson	<i>On the Course with...Tiger Woods</i> Hockey Biographies Written By Matt Christopher:
14 Week 3 Lesson 4	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 8 "Points" (pp.118-126)	What actually happened to Jim? What has surprised you so far in this story? What has been predictable about the story so far? Explain.	Hard-Working	When asked about which team is the toughest team in the league, Roy responded with an answer that all athletes must comprehend. He said simply that it was, "The team you are playing." Roy Campanella	<i>On the Ice with...Mario Lemieux</i> Cycling Biographies Written By Matt Christopher: <i>On the Bike with...Lance Armstrong</i>
15 Week 3 Lesson 5	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 9 "Not Enough" (pp. 127-134)	What are your thoughts about Congress declaring that it wasn't actually war in war with North Korea? Do you agree or disagree with how Maggie feels about this? Why or why not?	Humility	"I had only played five games in my senior year in high school. I was not large enough. When I graduated, I was about five foot four and weighed 120 pounds. I didn't go with the Dodgers until spring training of 1940 and I weighed all of 155 pounds soaking wet. Looking like I was sixteen, I guess. When I got there, I didn't know any of the fellas on the team, and I was scared to death. Wherever they went, they took me with them. Why did they do it? Beats the hell out of me. I was just a scared kid from Kentucky, and these guys had been up in the majors for a while. I guess it was because I was just such a nice kid - if you'll accept that." Pee Wee Reese	Ice Skating Biographies Written By Matt Christopher: <i>On the Ice with...Tara Lipinski</i> Skateboarding Biographies Written By Matt Christopher: <i>On the Halfpipe with...Tony Hawk</i>



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16 Week 4 Lesson 1	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 10 "The Old Sock" (pp.135-148)	What is Maggie using the old sock to store? What is her plan? What are your thoughts about her plan? Do you think she will succeed? Why or why not?	Optimistic	"Just do the best with what you have, and you'll soon be doing it better." Gil Hodges
17 Week 4 Lesson 2	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 10 "The Old Sock" (pp.149-156)	Explain the names and nicknames in Maggie's family. Are there any nicknames in your family? If you could be named after anyone, who would it be and why?	Natural	"I can't very well tell my batters don't hit it to him. Wherever they hit it, he's there anyway (Mays)." Gil Hodges
18 Week 4 Lesson 3	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 11 "The Plan, Part Two" (pp. 157-166)	Sketch a picture of what Maggie sees as she enters the entrance rotunda of Ebbets Field.	Content	"You have to enjoy it. It is not going to happen every year, so this is the year that it is happening and we have got to go out there and enjoy it." Sammy Sosa
19 Week 4 Lesson 4	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 11 "The Plan, Part Two" (pp. 167-176)	How do you think Maggie felt at the end of this chapter? Use evidence from the text to support your thinking.	Daring	"The think that sets Derek apart is that he's not afraid to fail." Charlie Hayes about Derek Jeter
20 Week 4 Lesson 5	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 12 "After the Game" (pp. 177-182)	What actually happened to Jim when he arrived at the game? Why do you think this happened? Do you believe that Jim has a real problem or is just being difficult? Explain your thinking.	Faithful	"I hope I wear this jersey forever." Derek Jeter
21 Week 5 Lesson 1	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Chapters 13 "The New Plan" (pp. 183-194)	What sacrifices does Maggie make to try and help Jim feel better? Describe a sacrifice someone has made for you. Is there a sacrifice you have made on someone else's behalf? Explain.	Determination	"This kid, right now, the tougher the situation, the more fire he gets in his eyes. You don't teach that." Joe Torre about Derek Jeter
22 Week 5 Lesson 2	<i>Keeping Score</i> (by Linda Sue Park) Summary Lesson	How can events in other places around the world affect your life? In the book, the Korean War changed the lives of many people. What events that you know about might affect your life, either positively or negatively?	Dreamer	"We just want to win. That's the bottom line. I think a lot of times people may become content with one championship or a little bit of success, but we don't really reflect on what we've done in the past. We focus on the present." Derek Jeter"