

# Soccer's "Perfect Endings"

## Retelling Key Details

In this lesson, students will explore Ali Krieger's pivotal role in leading Gotham FC to victory in the NWSL championship, as well as the challenges encountered by Megan Rapinoe in her final soccer match before retiring.

Grade: 1	Subject(s): ELA
Focus Standard(s)	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.2 Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.
Learning Objective(s)	The students will be able to identify and retell important events of the NWSL championship game with support.
Materials/Resources	<a href="#">Soccer's "Perfect Endings"</a> Chart paper; marker Fill-in-the-blank worksheet
Vocabulary	Injured: hurt; retire: quit, stop working; header: ball hit with a player's head; defenders: players who work to stop the other team from scoring
Anticipatory Set	<b>Think-Pair-Share:</b> Ask students, "What qualities do you think make a soccer player successful in helping their team win a championship?"
Mini-Lesson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Begin by displaying the article and asking students, "What is the topic of this article?" [<b>soccer or a soccer game</b>]</li> <li>2. Write "Soccer Championship Game" at the top of a piece of chart paper. Underneath the title, draw three vertical lines.</li> <li>3. Explain to students that they will help you complete the graphic organizer by filling in key details relating to the topic, as they listen to the article.</li> </ol>
Guided Practice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Begin reading the first two paragraphs aloud. Pause and ask students, "Who is playing?" [<b>Answer: Krieger for Gotham FC vs Rapinoe for OL Reign</b>] Write the answer under one of the lines.</li> <li>2. Continue reading paragraphs three and four. Pause and ask students, "What happened to Rapinoe?" [<b>Answer: She injured her leg.</b>] "Who won?" [<b>Answer: Gotham</b>] Add "Rapinoe injured her leg and Gotham won the game" under the second line.</li> <li>3. Read the rest of the article aloud, then ask students, "How did the athletes feel after the game was over?" [<b>Answer: Krieger was happy and said it was the perfect ending. Rapinoe was sad she got hurt and her team lost, but happy about her career.</b>] Add these ideas under the last line on the graphic organizer.</li> <li>4. Reread the details from the text and ask students, "What was this article mostly about?" Invite students to share their thoughts with the whole class.</li> </ol>
Independent Practice/ Closure	Pass out the fill-in-the-blank worksheet. Have students complete the worksheet by filling in the missing words from the word bank. [ <b>Answers: Kreiger, Rapinoe, perfect, hurt, lost, happy</b> ]
Differentiation	Adjust lexile® levels as needed; answer questions as a whole group; use accessibility features or read-to-me feature as needed; print copies of article

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## Article: Soccer's "Perfect Endings"

**Directions:** Use the words below to help you fill in the blanks.

happy	hurt	Krieger
lost	perfect	Rapinoe

This article was about two soccer players. Their names were Ali \_\_\_\_\_ and Megan \_\_\_\_\_. Krieger said the game was the \_\_\_\_\_ ending. Rapinoe got \_\_\_\_\_. Her team \_\_\_\_\_, but she was still \_\_\_\_\_.

Draw a picture to show what the article is mostly about.

