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“One for the Team” by Richard Lacayo

What does the title mean? What does it mean to ‘take one for the team’? Possible answers include to get injured, to sacrifice an out, or to foul or get fouled. But this phrase does not just apply to sports analogies; it can be applied to other areas—such as relationships. What do you sacrifice for your friends and family? Have you ever received a punishment in order to help a friend or sibling? This article is about the sacrifices Pat Tillman made for his country.

As this article is read to you, focus on the reading strategies of asking questions, visualizing, determining importance, synthesizing, inferring, and making connections. Make notes or highlight as the teacher reads, then go back, look at your data, and answer the following questions.

ASKING QUESTIONS:

1. What is the central idea of the article?
2. What motivated Pat Tillman to give up his NFL career?

VISUALIZING: This means to make pictures in your mind about what’s going on in the story so you can understand the story better.

1. Pick a sentence or two from the story that is memorable to you. Copy them here. Then describe what comes to mind when you read them; describe what makes them memorable.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: This means putting things together from what you already know, other stories you have read, and/or what you have experienced and know about the world, to help you understand what you hear and read better.

1. Pick a sentence or two from the story that reminded you of something else—something that you made a connection to from your own history. Write the sentences here and describe the connection.

DETERMINING IMPORTANCE:

List the three most important points made in the article:

1.

2.

3.

INFERRING: When you infer, you draw a reasonable conclusion based on the evidence given.

1. What can you infer from the following: “You’re fortunate when you come across a Pat Tillman…But there are many Pat Tillman’s across the country. The spirit of Pat Tillman is the heart of this country.”

SYNTHESIZING: If you synthesize different ideas, facts, or experiences, you combine them to form a single idea or impression.

1. After hearing/reading this article on Pat Tillman, what are you able to understand about the sacrifices others have made for you? Explain and give examples.