

Key Events

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Key events are often the topic of news stories. A key event is an important moment in history for a person, sport, or organization. Choose one of the key events from the skateboarding timeline on pages 6 and 7 of the book, and write a news story about it in the space provided below. Use your own paper if you need more space.

News stories focus on a specific event and date in time. If there is more than one side to the story, be sure to present both. The story should include the answer to five key questions:

1. Who is the story about? This may be a person, group, organization, or company, for example.
2. What is the event? It may be a competition, protest, or concert, for example.
3. Where did the event take place? This should include the city or town and venue.
4. When did the event take place? This should include the complete date and, if possible, the time.
5. Why is the event important? Explain why the event is relevant. How did the event impact people or the community?



Using the space provided, label each piece of equipment used by a skateboarder. Then, write a short sentence or two explaining why the skateboarder needs these items, how they are used, or what they are made of. Check your answers on pages 8 and 9 of the book.



Using the information found on pages 12–19 in the book, and research online, create a records chart for your favorite X Games skateboarding event. Be sure to include the top three male or female athletes for each of the last three years of the event. Also include his or her rank, score, and any important details as to how each athlete achieved his or her final score.

An example from the X Games Street competition has been done for you.

YEAR	ATHLETE NAME	RANK	SCORE	DETAILS
2014	Nyjah Huston	1	95.00	Highest score ever recorded for the X Games Street event



Using the information found in *Skateboarding*, verify whether the following statements are true or false. Check your answers in the book. If the answer is false, write the correct answer below the statement. List the page number where you found the information beside your answer.

Statement 1 Skateboarders can only compete in the X Games skateboarding events if they have been invited. True False Page Number

Statement 2 Skateboards are made from no more than 5 layers of hardwood maple. True False Page Number

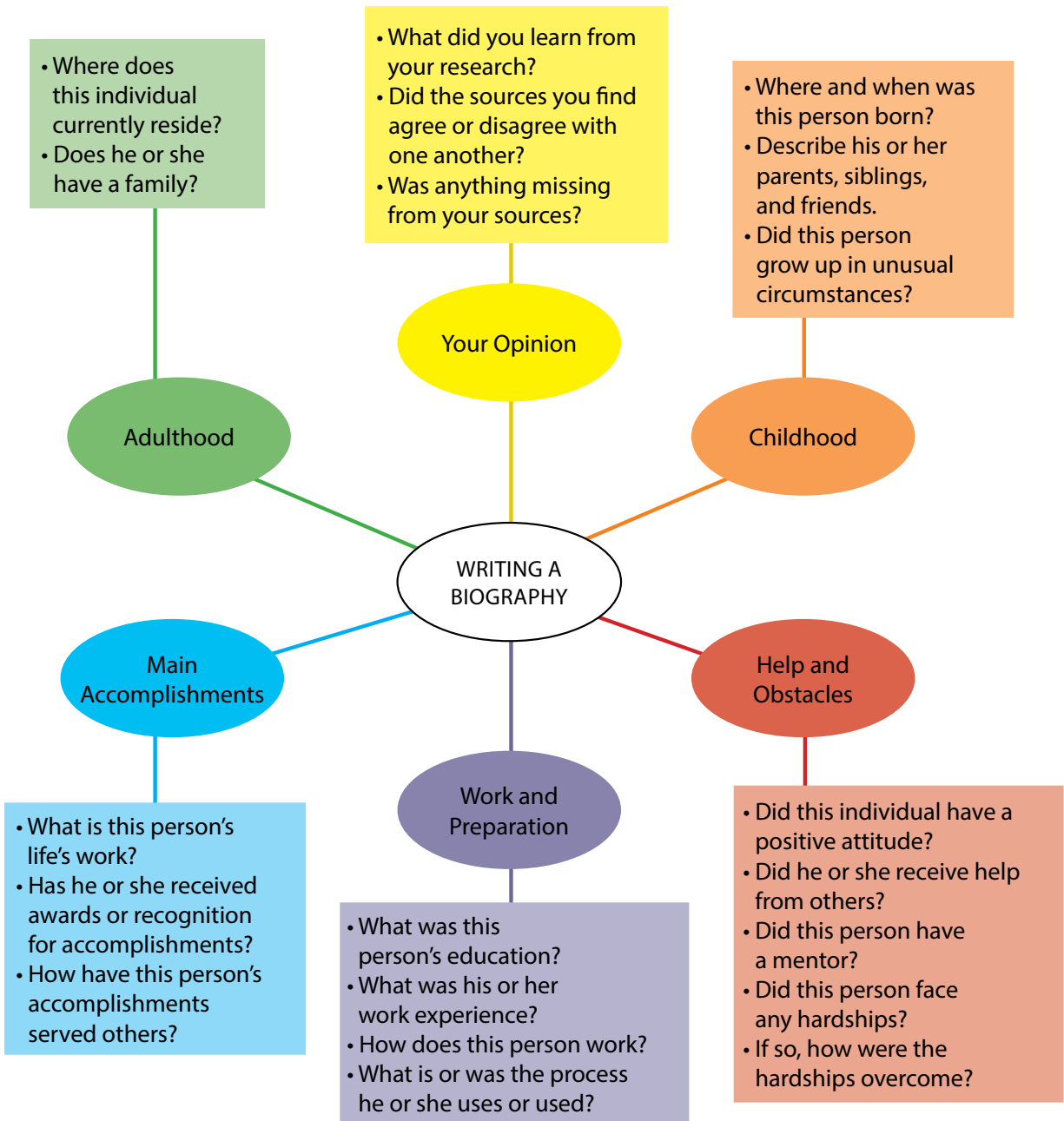
Statement 3 The longest distance jumped on a skateboard is 79 feet (24 meters). True False Page Number

Statement 4 Shanghai, China, is known as the “skate capital of the world.” True False Page Number

Statement 5 Alan Gelfand was the first skateboarder to execute a 900-degree spin. True False Page Number



Professional skateboarders, such as Tony Hawk, Bob Burnquist, and Stacy Peralta, did not achieve success overnight. Years of dedication and perseverance shaped them into the skateboarding legends they are today. Choose a professional skateboarder that you are interested in learning more about. Then, use online research to help you write a short biography about that person. Use the concept web below as a guide.



Quiz

Test your knowledge of skateboarding by answering these quiz questions. Check your answers in the activity pack.

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1

In what year was the first X Games held?

2

Who invented the "ollie" skateboarding trick?

3

What team brought an aggressive new style to skateboarding?

4

What are three skateboarding events at the X Games?

5

Who invented the Mega Ramp?

6

Name four sports that are similar to skateboarding.

7

How many rotations must a skater make to complete a 900?

8

What city is often called the "Skate Capital of the World"?

9

Who has won more X Games medals than any other athlete?

10

What skateboard team was started by Stacy Peralta?



Key Words Match-Up

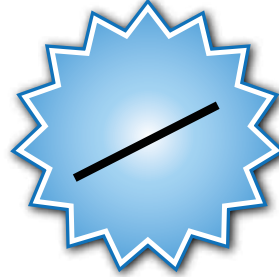
Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word. Check your answers on page 31 of the book.

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aerial	heelflip	stalls
aggressive	kickflip	Vert
bindings	knots	
deck	quarterpipes	

Your
Score is



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| <p>1. <input type="text"/>
a type of skateboarding done on vertical ramps that allow skaters to perform aerial tricks including flips and spins</p> <p>2. <input type="text"/>
to flip the board 360 degrees along its long edge using the heel</p> <p>3. <input type="text"/>
something that takes place in the air</p> <p>4. <input type="text"/>
to place the board in the same way as if doing a grind or slide, but without moving</p> <p>5. <input type="text"/>
fasteners used to hold something in place</p> | <p>6. <input type="text"/>
to do something with extra effort</p> <p>7. <input type="text"/>
measurements of speed for travel done on a body of water</p> <p>8. <input type="text"/>
single ramps that curve inward</p> <p>9. <input type="text"/>
to kick the board into a spin before landing on it</p> <p>10. <input type="text"/>
the wooden part of the board</p> |
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Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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1. 1995, as the Extreme Games
2. Alan "Ollie" Gelfand
3. Zephyr team or Z-Boys
4. Big Air, Vert, and Street
5. Danny Way
6. Surfing, snowboarding, kiteboarding, and wakeboarding
7. Two-and-a-half
8. Barcelona, Spain
9. Bob Burnquist
10. The Bones Brigade

