

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 snowboarding 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 snowboarder. Then, write a short sentence or two explaining why the snowboarder needs these items, how they are used, or what they are made of. Check your answers on pages 8 and 9 of the book.

Diagram illustrating snowboarding equipment with labels and descriptions:

- Helmet
- Goggles
- Gloves
- Snowboard
- Snowboard Boots



Using the information found on pages 12–19 in the book, and research online, create a records chart for your favorite X Games snowboarding 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 Slopestyle competition has been done for you.

YEAR	ATHLETE NAME	RANK	SCORE	DETAILS
2015	Mark McMorris	1	96.00	Won the competition by a single point



Using the information found in *Snowboarding*, 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 Boarders put wax on the base of their snowboards to make their boards stick to the snow. True False Page Number

Statement 2 Slopestyle riders are awarded scores between 1 and 50. True False Page Number

Statement 3 SuperPipe riders are judged on style, amplitude, variety, and degree of difficulty. True False Page Number

Statement 4 There is nowhere to snowboard in South America. True False Page Number

Statement 5 Kelly Clark started a foundation to give underprivileged kids the chance to snowboard. True False Page Number



Professional snowboarders, such as Shaun White, Danny Kass, and Janna Meyen, did not achieve success overnight. Years of dedication and perseverance shaped them into the snowboarding legends they are today. Choose a professional snowboarder 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 snowboarding by answering these quiz questions. Check your answers in the activity pack.

NAME

DATE

1

In what year were the first Winter X Games held?

2

What was the first snowboard called?

3

What is the thickest layer of a snowboard?

4

What are three snowboarding disciplines featured at the X Games?

5

What is the record for highest jump?

6

Who is the youngest Winter X Games gold medalist?

7

Who won Men's Boarder X at X Games Aspen 2015?

8

What snowboarding legend founded Grenade Gloves?

9

Name four sports that are similar to snowboarding.

10

What is the only venue outside of the United States to host X Games snowboarding?



Key Words Match-Up

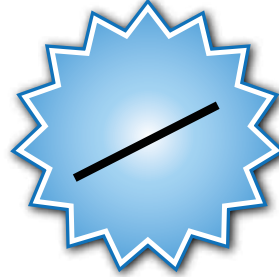
Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word. Check your answers on page 31 of the book.

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aerial	gravity	terrain
amplitude	halfpipes	tweaks
executed	handplants	
grabs	P-tex	

Your Score is



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1.
the force that attracts an object toward the center of Earth

2.
carried out an action and the quality of that action

3.
a special type of slippery plastic that allows the snowboard to slide on the snow

4.
a measurement of how much air a snowboarder gets

5.
tricks done when the rider places his or her hands on the ground or an object and turns halfway around

6.
something that takes place in the air

7.
two ramps that curve inward and are facing each other with an area of flat ground between them

8.
an area of land and its natural features

9.
tricks done while holding the edge of the board with one or both hands

10.
movements that emphasize style



Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

NAME

DATE

1. 1997
2. Snurfer
3. The core
4. Slopestyle, Boarder X, SuperPipe
5. 32 feet
6. Chloe Kim
7. Kevin Hill
8. Danny Kass
9. Surfing, skiing, skateboarding, and wakeboarding
10. Whistler Blackcomb, British Columbia, Canada

