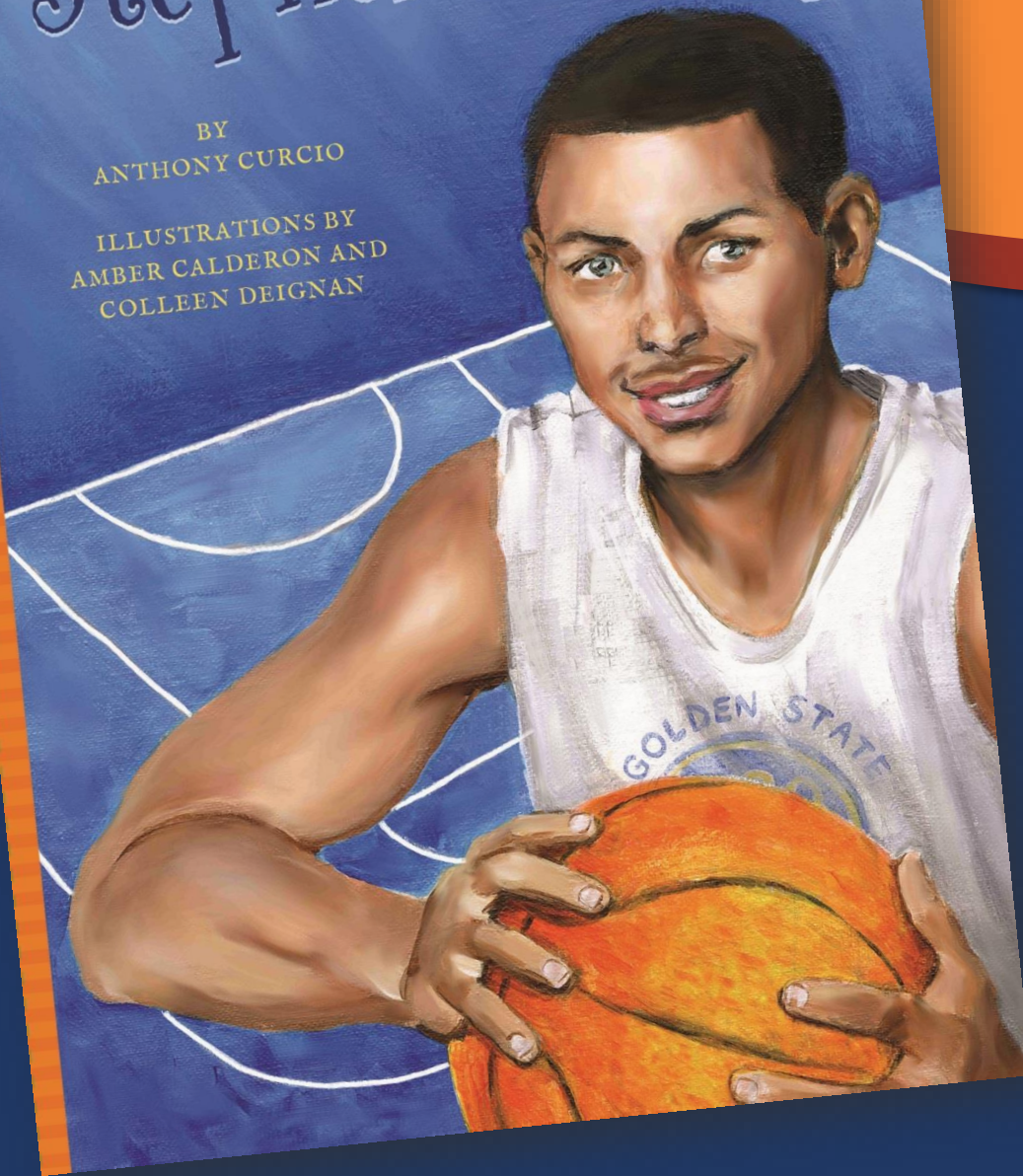


ALL ABOUT Stephen Curry

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Teacher's Guide

Including Common Core Standards, Sample Questions, and Activities

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Common Core Literacy Scaffolding Questions

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Note to teachers and parents: The standards listed here are taken from the Common Core Standards: *Grades 6-12, Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects* from the subset standards for grades 6-8. The standards listed here are 6-8.1–6-8.10. These Common Core Standards can be viewed in greater detail at this website:

<http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RH/6-8/>

Some states have decided not to adopt the Common Core standards, but the new state standards are uniformly similar. Teachers who choose to use these questions in a state that has not adopted Common Core standards are encouraged to apply their own state standards to these questions. Teachers who choose to use these questions for grades other than 6-8 can find all of the Common Core standards at: <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/>.

Teachers, please note that these questions are designed only to provide a very basic literacy scaffold and to provide examples. There is plenty of room for you to add your creativity and use your expertise to develop “why” questions and to help students make connections to other texts.

The questions below should be answered using a complete sentence and with textual evidence from the reading. The questions for the Preface are answered as examples.

Preface

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. What was one of the disadvantages, in terms of playing basketball, that Stephen Curry had early in his life?

Sample Answer: Stephen Curry “entered his first high school basketball game standing only five feet, six inches tall and weighing 130 lbs.”

2. Give an example of one of Stephen Curry’s basketball accomplishments.

Sample Answer: Stephen Curry won “the first-ever unanimous MVP selection.”

Chapter One

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5

1. Give one fact about either Stephen Curry’s mother or father?
2. When he was 9 years old, how did Stephen Curry react to missing a shot during the National Championship game?
3. How did a young Stephen Curry practice his shooting?

Chapter Two

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4.

1. Give an example of someone that Stephen Curry played H-O-R-S-E with when he was young.
2. What did Stephen Curry need to fix about this shooting style?
3. What was one result of all the work that Stephen Curry put into fixing his shooting style?

Chapter Three

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4.

1. How many major Division 1 college programs offered Stephen Curry a scholarship?
2. Give one detail about the Davidson College head coach, Bob McKillop.
3. Give one statistic regarding Stephen Curry’s play in the 2007 NCAA basketball tournament that indicates how well he played.

Chapter Four

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5.

1. Give one example of a success that Davidson College's basketball team had during the 2007-2008 regular season.
2. Give one example of how Stephen Curry's reputation as a great basketball player began to spread.
3. How did Stephen Curry and Ayesha first meet?

Chapter Five

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3.

1. What was one reason why some critics thought that Stephen Curry would not be a good NBA player?
2. In his first season as a Golden State Warrior, Stephen Curry faced many challenges. Name one of them.
3. How did Stephen Curry propose marriage to Ayesha?

Chapter Six

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

1. Why did the 2011-2012 NBA season begin on Christmas Day and why was this good for Stephen Curry?
2. Give one detail about the on-court performances of Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson.
3. What was one special thing about Stephen Curry's performance on February 27, 2013 in a game against the Knicks?

Chapter Seven

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3.

1. Give one example of Stephen Curry's philanthropic work.

2. Why was Stephen Curry upset that coach Mark Jackson was fired from the Golden State Warriors?
3. Describe one aspect of Mark Kerr's coaching style.

Chapter Eight

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

1. What was special about Klay Thompson's play on January 23, 2015 when the Golden State Warriors played the Sacramento Kings?
2. What was one major achievement of the "Splash Brothers" in the 2014-2015 season?
3. Analyze the picture of Stephen Curry and his family on p. 78; how do you think Stephen Curry's family life has affected his career as an NBA player? (No textual evidence needed for the answer).

Chapter Nine

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. Give one example of how Riley Curry stole the show in the NBA finals series between the Golden State Warriors and the Houston Rockets.
2. Give a detail about the play of LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers during the NBA finals.
3. How did LeBron James react to losing the NBA finals to the Golden State Warriors?

Chapter Ten

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. What is one of the impressive achievements that the Golden State Warriors made in the 2015-2016 season?
2. What was special about the MVP award that Stephen Curry earned in 2015-2016?
3. How did the Golden State Warriors win the Western conference finals against the Oklahoma City Thunder?

Chapter Eleven

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6.

1. What is one example of how Stephen Curry's popularity changed life for the Curry family?
2. What effect did the 2016 loss in the NBA finals to LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers have on the Golden State Warriors?
3. Where was Stephen Curry when his friend and teammate, Kevin Durant, won the NBA finals MVP award for the second time?

Text Analysis Questions

Standards: CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.9, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8.

Prompt: Review the excerpt below from Stephen Curry's 2016 MVP acceptance speech. From the text, and from what you have read in *All About Stephen Curry*; how has Curry's family life helped him to become a great basketball player on the court and impressive human being off the court?

I want to thank my wife, Ayesha. Like I said last year, none of this is possible without you. You've given me the opportunity to go out here and work as hard as I do, spend the hours I need to do it at the gym to practice for games, on the road, all the while holding down the house and doing the little things that keep our family going.

You've given our two daughters an example to look up to as they grow up, and I don't take that for granted at all. It's definitely special to watch you do what you do every single day, the strength that you have, the patience that you have, whether I have a good game or not, you're the same person every single day, and that means a lot to me to be able to come home and share a life with you. So thank you very much for who you are.

To my parents, Seth, Sydel, my sister who is not here with us, you guys are my rock, my support, my encouragement. I thank you for all that you've done for me growing up and the encouragement you continue to give me.

I'm blessed to have such a tight-knit family that we can talk about anything. Whether we talk frequently or not since we're on separate ends of the country, there are a lot of moving parts and we always stay tight and find that center and that ground that keeps us together. And I think that's something that's very special, so thank you guys for who you are as well.

Source: <https://www.nbcsports.com/bayarea/warriors/stephen-currys-full-nba-mvp-transcript>

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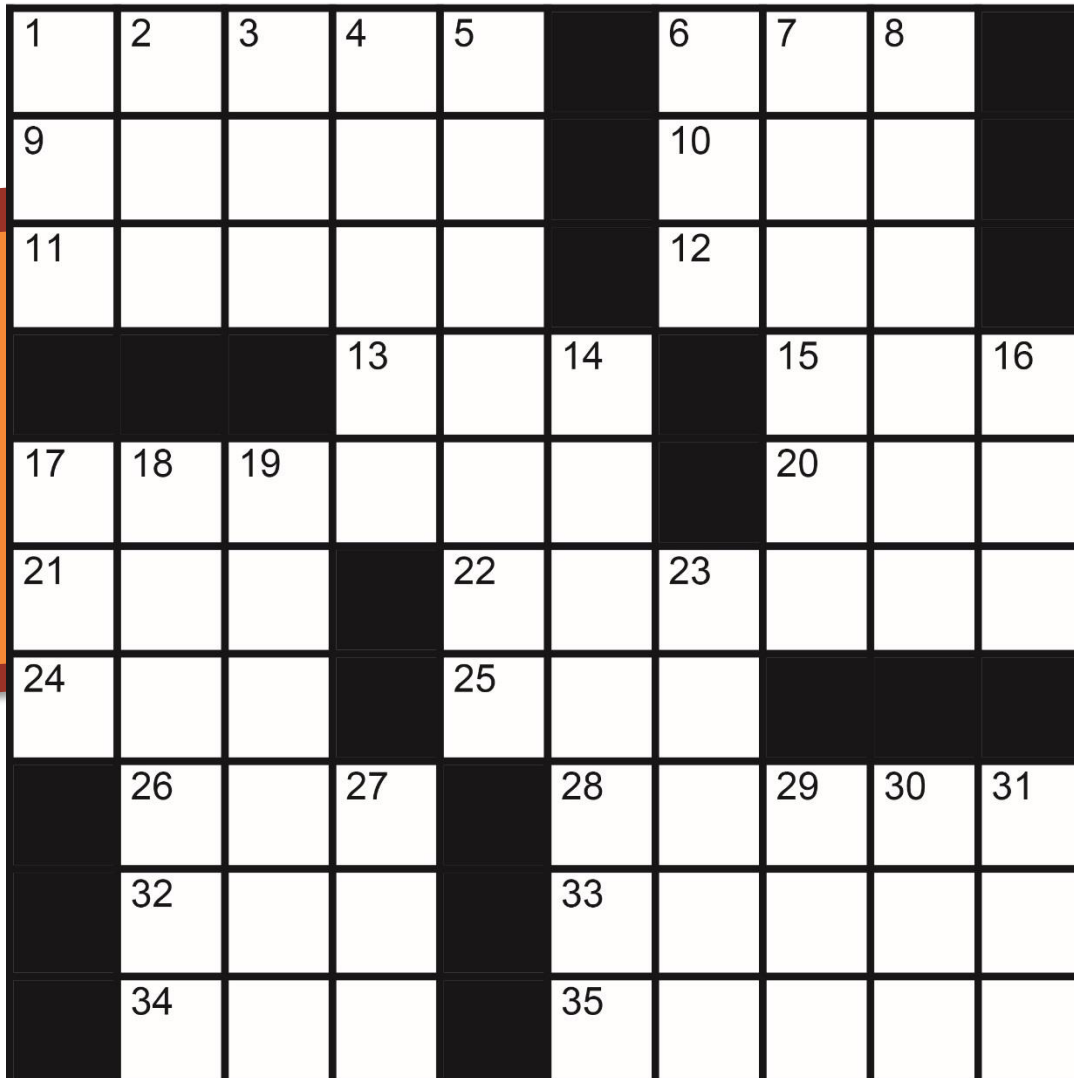


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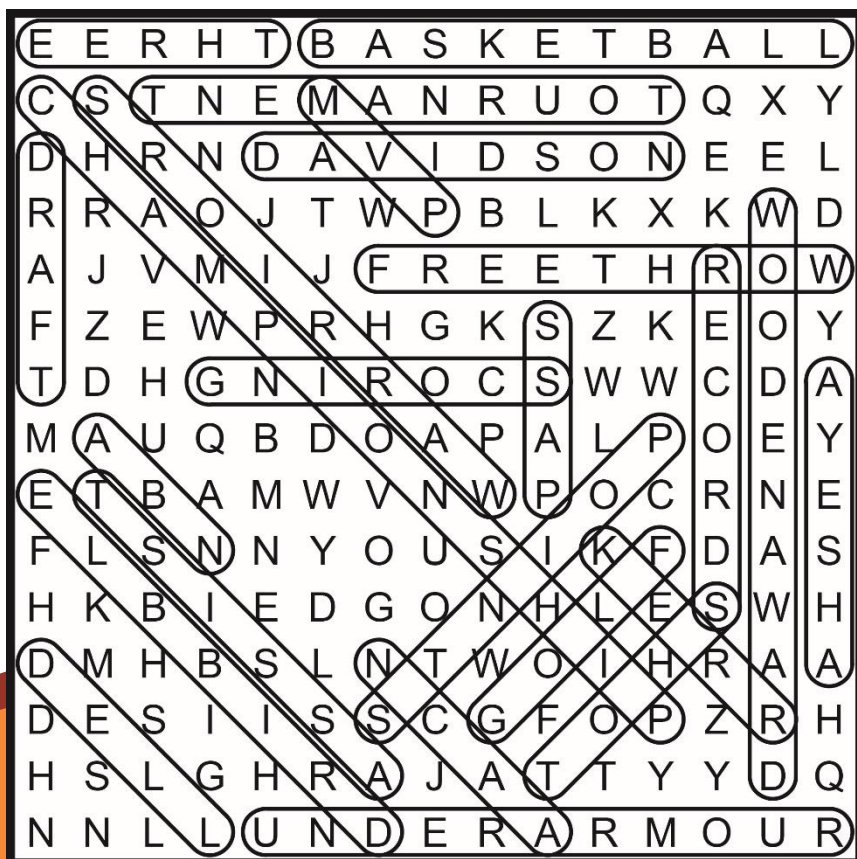


Across

1. Increase (2 words)
6. "Much ____ About Nothing"
9. Steph's position
10. Basketball rim attachment
11. ____ and aahed
12. Back of a boat
13. Prez on a penny
15. Rowboat paddle
17. Catch some rays at the beach
20. 40th U.S. president's monogram
21. Map phrase: "You ____ here"
22. Wooly animals at the State Fair
24. Org. for Tiger Woods that Steph would like to join someday
25. Pot top
26. Apr. 15 tax initials
28. Painful spots
32. Golden State Warriors' org.
33. Steph's three-pointers
34. Basketball team workout place
35. Steph's Under Armour shoe number

Down

1. In the past
2. Twosome
3. "Well, lah-di-____!"
4. Dog's reward
5. Weirdo
6. "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 words)
7. Twist out of shape
8. Canada's capital
14. Joins the military
16. Train lines that have Xings (Abbr.)
17. Tree fluid
18. Encouraging
19. Close at hand
23. Be gaga over Steph
27. American symbol: Uncle ____
29. Gun an engine
30. "Keep your ____ on the ball"
31. Nine-digit ID for 26-Across (Inits.)



All About Stephen Curry Answer Key

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