

BILLIE JEAN KING



VIRTUAL biography



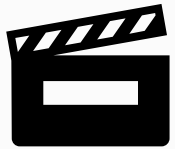
TRACK LEARNING



Collect stickers on your journey to track your progress as you explore Billie Jean King and her inspiration, career, identity, and activism.



MULTIMEDIA



Engaging videos, photos,
and multimedia to
introduce key concepts.

Changing the Game

Until the year 1968, women tennis players did not receive prize money for winning tennis tournaments, but men did. Until the year 1970, women did not have a tennis association, but men did, and they would not welcome women. Until the year 1973, women tennis players were widely-thought to be far worse tennis players than men.

Watch the video to learn how
Billie Jean King changed all of that,
one game at a time.




A large, stylized handwritten signature of Billie Jean King in black ink, with a blue arrow pointing to the right.



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A "Woman of the Century"

Watch the video clip, read the text, and reflect on some quotes on the next page.



In the video clip, Billie Jean King states, "I stand on the shoulders of the others." She knows that she experienced so much success and got so far in her career as a result of the hard work and sacrifices of people who came before her, like Althea Gibson.

Billie Jean King also knows that while some parts of her identity made it challenging to achieve her dreams, other parts of her identity made her success possible. Like Billie Jean King, almost every person faces both challenges and advantages based on different parts of their identity.

On the next slide, reflect on three different quotes from the video clip. Each one is related to a part of Billie Jean King's identity and to an equal rights issue in society. The quotes suggest how society imposes challenges and advantages onto people based on different parts of their identity, such as gender, race, and sexual orientation.

INTEGRATES READING



Short reading passages
build background and
introduce key vocabulary.

CRITICAL THINKING



Students dive deep into the topic, practicing key skills such as comparing, drawing conclusions, and make judgements.

Analyzing Quotes

"It's not just about the money, it's about the message."

"As a white girl, I had an advantage over my sisters of color."

"It's very, very important to me that people can be their authentic self."

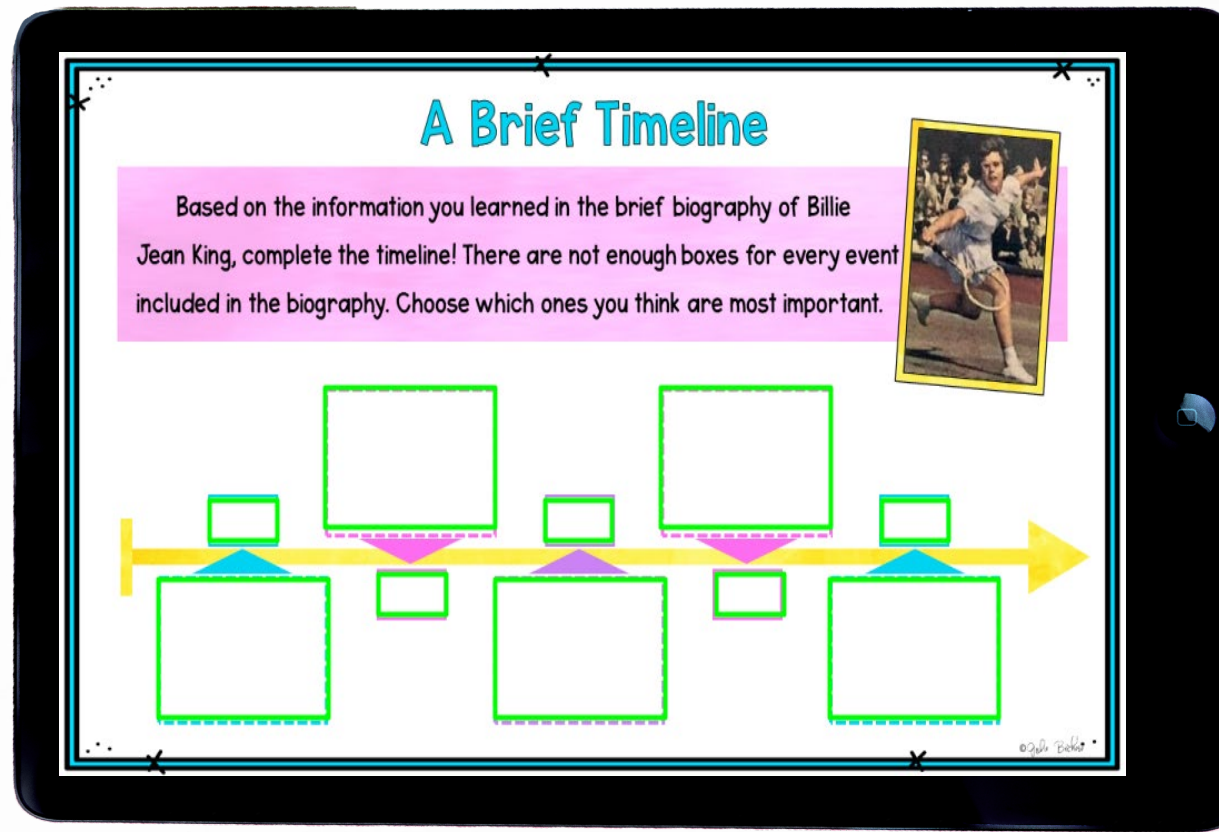
Choose one quote to reflect on in writing. Identify *what kind of issue* Billie Jean King was referring to when she said it, and *what her perspective* was. For example, is the quote related to equal rights for people based on gender, race, sexual orientation, or more than one?

After explaining your understanding of Billie Jean King's perspective, explain your own. How does the quote you chose relate to your own identity and the challenges and advantages you experience?

A large rectangular area with horizontal blue lines for writing. In the bottom right corner, there is a small, colorful illustration of a tennis racket with a red frame and a yellow ball. The entire worksheet is framed by a decorative border with small 'x' marks at the corners.

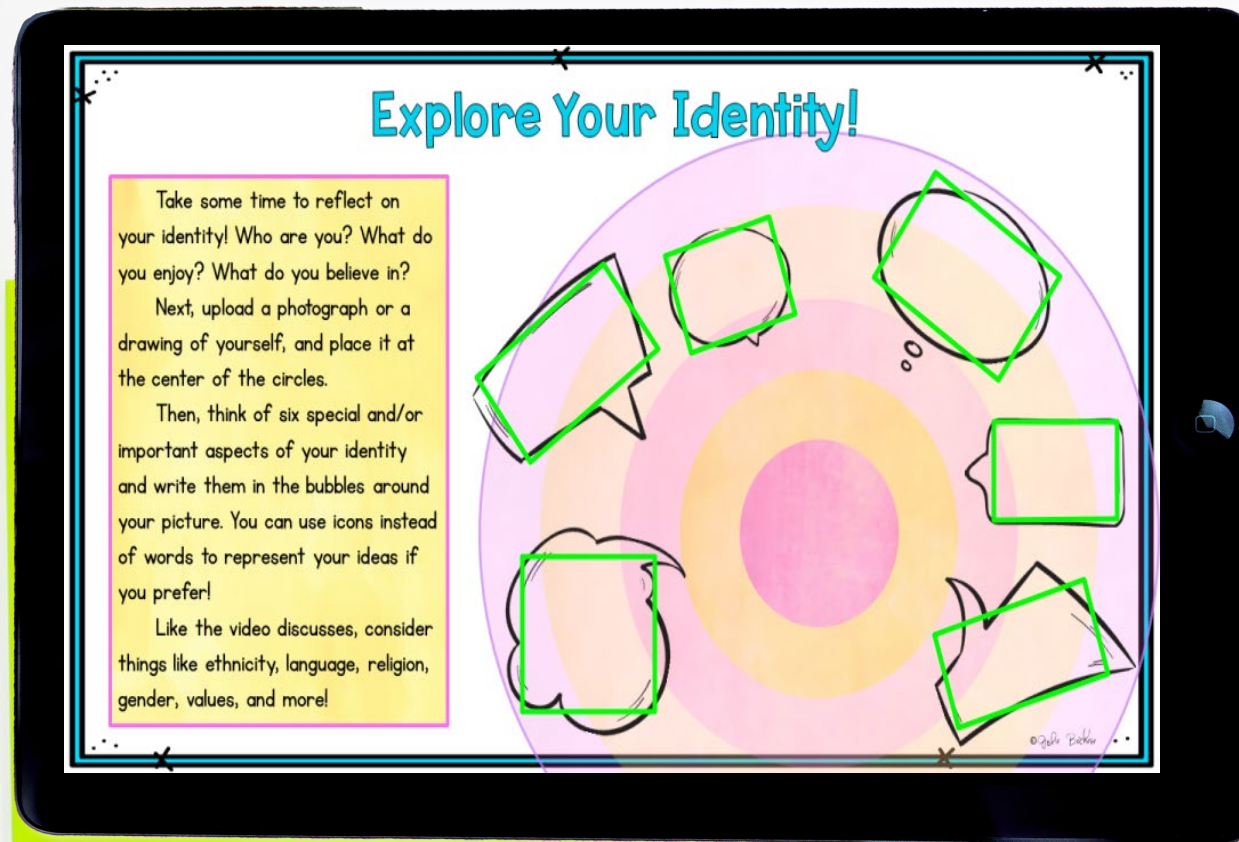
INTRODUCES & REINFORCES TIMELINE

Based on the information you learned in the brief biography of Billie Jean King, choose the most important events to complete the timeline.



EXPLORING YOUR IDENTITY

Reflect on your identity, upload a photograph of yourself at the center of the circles. Then write six special and important aspects of your identity in the bubbles around your picture.



Suggested Uses

- Assign in Google Classroom or SeeSaw
- Whole Class Activity
- Small groups or center
- Early Finisher
- Incentive or Fun Friday

Google Slides and SeeSaw



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