

# FOOTBALL IN AMERICA

## Lesson Plan

### Illustrating Information

Lesson Plan for *High School Football*

Grade 2

#### Objective

To help students practice creating graphics that show processes or quantities.

#### Things Needed:

- *High School Football* book
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils

#### Before the Activity

Have students read Chapter 2 (“Reaching the Top”) of *High School Football*.

#### Activity

Chapter 2 (“Reaching the Top”) describes how students join high school football teams. After students read the chapter, ask for a volunteer to summarize the process.

- Sample Answer: To play on a high school football team, players go to tryouts. Coaches select the best players for the varsity team. This is the top team at the school. Its players are the most skilled. Some schools have a junior varsity team as well. The players on this team are not as good. But some later move up to varsity after developing their skills.

Then have students turn to page 29 and read about the process that takes place after high school.

Ask the following questions:

- What does this page say about college football? (Answer: The best high school players may go on to play football in college. Only a few make it to the college level.)
- What happens to football players after college? (Answer: A small number of the very best college players go on to play pro football.)



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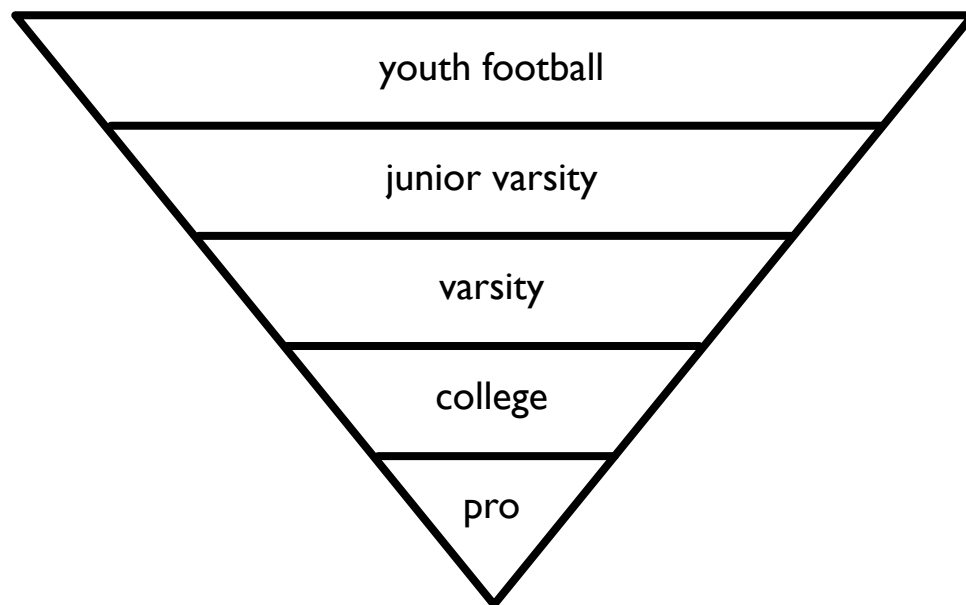
Write the following categories on the whiteboard:

- youth football
- junior varsity
- varsity
- college
- pro

Ask students to pretend they are part of the book's design team. Their job is to create an infographic. Infographics are images or illustrations that help readers understand the ideas in a book. The infographics can explain the steps of a process, show the order of events, or compare relative sizes. Each student should draw an infographic to help readers understand the various levels of football and how they are related.

### Evaluation

Collect the infographics at the end of class. The format can vary, but check each graphic to make sure that the steps go in the right order and that the relative sizes of the various levels are accurate. Sample answer:



### Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 2 (RI 2.7).



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