

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

TEACHER ACTIVITY GUIDE



TACKLE WILLIE ROAF - HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2012

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Team History



The National Football League awarded its 16th franchise to New Orleans on November 1, 1966. Appropriately, it was All Saints Day. In mid-December, 28-year-old John W. Mecom Jr., a successful Texas and Louisiana businessman, became the majority stockholder. Less than a month later on January 9, 1967, no one was surprised when the team was named the "Saints."

On March 8, the Saints launched their first season-ticket drive that produced 20,000 sales on opening day and 33,400 before the 1967 NFL season began. Eager to create as much pre-season fan enthusiasm as possible in a city not previously exposed to pro football, the Saints obtained three future Pro Football Hall of Famers for their 1967 roster. Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor, a Louisiana State gridiron hero, came from Green Bay and defensive end Doug Atkins came in a trade with the Chicago Bears.

The Saints literally took "The City That Care Forgot" by storm. They won five of their six preseason games and opened the regular season on Sept. 17, 1967 against the Los Angeles Rams before a packed house of 80,879 in Tulane Stadium. New Orleans fans will always remember John Gilliam's 94-yard touchdown return with the opening kickoff even though the Rams eventually won 27-13.

The Saints made each home game a special event, a so-called "Mardi Gras in Autumn," with cheerleaders, jazz bands, precision-marching routines by high school and college bands, and weekly appearances of "The King" himself -- part-owner, chief cheerleader and trumpet wizard Al Hirt. No doubt the most famous play is Tom Dempsey's record 63-yard field goal in 1970 that enabled New Orleans to beat Detroit 19-17 on the game's final play. Outstanding players such as quarterback Archie Manning, running back George Rogers, Pro Football Hall of Fame linebacker Rickey Jackson, wide receiver Eric Martin and Hall of Fame placekicker Morten Andersen were among those who played important roles as the Saints advanced toward respectability.

The winning era in New Orleans was ushered in on June 3, 1985, when a New Orleans businessman, Tom Benson acquired the franchise from Mecom. Benson immediately hired Jim Finks, a future Hall of Fame administrator, as president and general manager, and Jim Mora as the head coach. The pair soon turned the Saints into one of the NFL's most potent franchises.

Although the Saints finished at 8-8 in both 1979 and 1983 they didn't have a winning year until their 21st season in 1987. That year, under Coach Mora, the Saints won 12 of 15 games for a second-place finish in the NFC West. The Saints reached the playoffs four times in six seasons from 1987 to 1992 and won their first NFC West championship in 1991. Mike Ditka, the Hall of Fame tight end and former Chicago Bears coach, guided the team from 1997-1999. In 2000, former NFL linebacker and long-time assistant Jim Haslett was hired as the new head coach.

In 2006 Sean Payton took over as head coach. Four years later he guided the team to their first championship in franchise history when the Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV. Franchise QB Drew Brees will start his 20th season in the NFL (15th with the Saints) in 2020 and hopes to get back to the Super Bowl.

Brees' time in the NFL came to an end in 2021. In 2025, the Saints are looking for another playoff berth.



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Canton, Ohio and the National Football League

Each year, approximately 250,000 fans from all over the world visit the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. The museum's guest register reveals that in a year's time, visitors come from all fifty states and from sixty to seventy foreign countries.

Many wonder why the Hall of Fame is located in this small northeast Ohio city. Often, museums are built in locations that have historical significance to their subject matter. The Pro Football Hall of Fame is no exception. Canton's ties to pro football began long before the Hall of Fame was built in 1963. On September 17, 1920, a meeting was held in an automobile showroom in downtown Canton. It was at this time that the American Professional Football Association was formed. Two years later, the league changed its name to the National Football League.

Today, fans follow teams like the Dallas Cowboys, San Francisco 49ers, and the Miami Dolphins. But, in 1920, none of those teams existed. Rather, the NFL had teams like the Columbus Panhandles, Dayton Triangles, Rochester Jeffersons, and the Canton Bulldogs.

The Canton Bulldogs were the first real pro football powerhouse. They won the NFL title in 1922 and 1923 making them the league's first two-time champion.

They were a strong team even before the NFL began because of their star player Jim Thorpe. Thorpe, a Native American Indian, was a tremendous athlete. Not only did he play pro football but he played pro baseball and won two gold medals in the 1912 Olympic Games. Even today, he is considered to be one of the world's greatest athletes of all time.

While the Bulldogs are no longer around, pro football remembers its early days in Canton, Ohio. Visitors, young and old, enjoy the story of pro football's history in the city where the NFL began!



The Legendary Jim Thorpe

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Who Was Jim Thorpe?



It seems that whenever stories are written about an all-time pro football great, Jim Thorpe's name comes up. Jim Thorpe was born in a one-room cabin in Prague, Oklahoma, on May 28, 1888. Though he had some Irish and French blood, he was mostly of Sac and Fox Indian heritage. In fact, his Indian name was Wa-Tho-Huk, which means Bright Path.

Though football was his first love, he gained his greatest fame as a track star, winning the decathlon and pentathlon events in the 1912 Olympics, held in Stockholm, Sweden. King Gustav V of Sweden told Thorpe as he presented him with his medals, "Sir, you are the greatest athlete in the world." But soon afterward, Thorpe was stripped of his records and medals when it was learned that he had played minor league baseball for money in 1911. In 1984 the Olympic Committee decided that this was an unfair interpretation of the then Olympic rules and restored his records and returned his medals to his family.

In 1915, Thorpe's great abilities and fame led Jack Cusack to offer him \$250 a game to play football for the Canton Bulldogs. While that may not sound like much, it was twice as much as most players were making back then. Even Cusack's friends warned him that he was paying Thorpe too much. Just the same, Thorpe was everything Cusack had hoped he would be -- a great player and a gate attraction. After missing the first two games of the 1916 season because he was playing pro baseball for the New York Giants, Thorpe joined the Canton squad. With Jim playing halfback, the Bulldogs were unofficial World Champions in 1916, 1917 and 1919. (The Bulldogs' championships are said to be unofficial since no organized pro league existed at the time.)

Many old-timers who actually played against Thorpe claimed he was the toughest man ever to play the game. Legend says that Jim would drop-kick a field goal from the 50-yard line, then turn and kick another 50-yarder in the opposite direction with perfect results--just to show off. Others say he could punt a ball the length of the field. Both are probably exaggerations. In any case, there is no doubt that Thorpe was a superb athlete. All accounts suggest he could run with speed and bruising power. He could pass and catch passes with the best. He could kick with accuracy and strength. And, of course, as players did back then, he played defense too.

By the time the NFL was organized in 1920, the thirty-two-year-old Thorpe, who was already past his athletic prime, was unanimously voted the league's charter president. However, he managed to play eight NFL seasons with six different teams and his gate appeal continued. Though at times he sparkled like the Thorpe of old, he never really excelled as much in the NFL as he had in his earlier career. In 1928, at the age of forty he finally called it quits. In 1950, the nation's press honored Thorpe by naming him the most outstanding athlete of the first fifty years of the twentieth century. In 1963, he was elected a charter member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Source: Excerpt from The Official Pro Football Hall of Fame Answer Book by Joe Horrigan, Simon & Shuster Inc., 1990.

If you would like to know more about Jim Thorpe, a good book to read is Jim Thorpe by Bob Wheeler (University of Oklahoma Press, 1979).



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Willie Roaf

Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Conduct research on issues and interests by generating ideas and questions and by posing problems. They gather, evaluate and synthesize data from a variety of sources (e.g., print and nonprint displays and artifacts) to communicate their discoveries.
- Use a variety of technological and informational resources (e.g., video, displays, databases) to gather and synthesize information and to create and communicate knowledge.
- Develop an understanding of and respect for diversity in language use, patterns and dialects across cultures, ethnic groups, geographic regions and social roles.
- Use spoken, written and visual language to accomplish their own purposes (e.g., for learning, enjoyment, persuasion and exchange of information).

Common Core Standards: RI- Key Ideas and Details, Integration of Knowledge and Ideas; W- Text Types and Purposes, Research to Build and Present Knowledge; SL- Presentation of Knowledge and Ideas

Methods/Procedures:

- Students will read the biographical sketch on Willie Roaf (next page) as a class and discuss his role in history and the history of pro football.
- Students will compile a list of ten facts about Willie Roaf from his bio.
- Students would then be given an assignment to research any Saints' player and gather ten facts or bits of information on them to share with the class. Students would be encouraged to access the Saints' official website: NewOrleansSaints.com.
- Students will write up their information in paragraph form (like the Willie Roaf bio) and present the new facts and bits of information that they discovered about their chosen player.

UDL Examples

- Read all materials aloud to entire class
- Allow students to work in groups
- Allow students to create a poster or graphic with new facts and bits of information that they discovered about their chosen player

Materials:

- Willie Roaf biography
- NewOrleansSaints.com

Assessment:

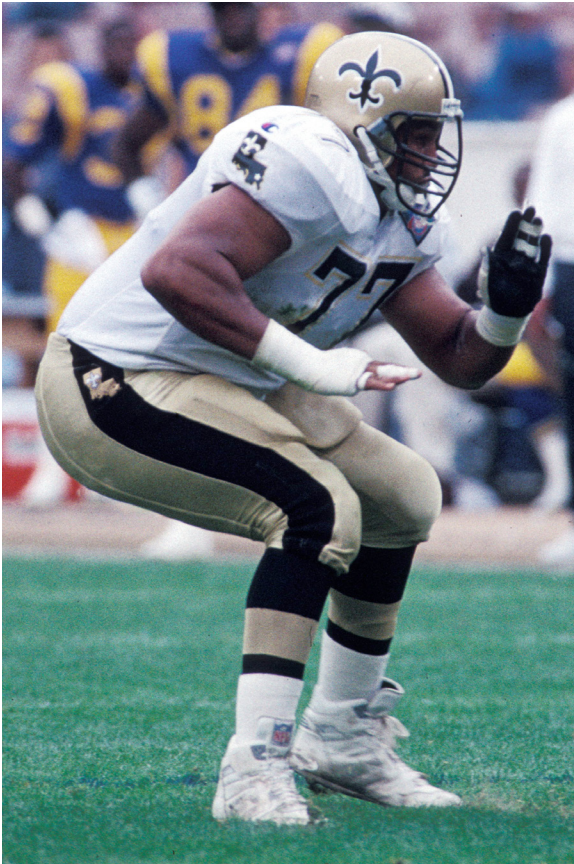
- Students will submit the informational essay/report on their chosen Saints' player.
- Students will deliver a formal presentation on their chosen player that will demonstrate a clear and distinctive perspective on the subject chosen and conveys relevant information and descriptive details.

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Willie Roaf



The New Orleans Saints drafted tackle Willie Roaf out of Louisiana Tech in the first round eighth player overall, in the 1993 NFL Draft. He was the first offensive lineman selected in that year's draft.



Roaf started all 16 games at right tackle and did not miss an offensive snap during his first season and earned All-Rookie honors. The following year he was switched to left tackle and performed at a level that earned him more national accolades. He was voted to the Pro Bowl for the first time, named first-team All-Pro, All-NFC, and honored as the NFLPA's NFC Offensive Lineman of the Year for the first of two consecutive seasons.

He played nine seasons in New Orleans where he started 131 regular season games. He also started two playoff games including the franchise's first-ever postseason win, a 31-28 victory over the defending Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams in the 2000 NFC Wild Card game.

A knee injury shortened Roaf's 2001 season to just seven games. Then, just prior to the next year's draft Roaf was traded by the Saints to the Kansas City Chiefs in exchange for a third-round draft pick. He rebounded from his injury to regain his form. Roaf earned All-Pro honors in three of the four seasons he played with the Chiefs. He was a key part of Kansas City's offensive line that helped the Chiefs lead the NFL in points scored in 2002 and 2003. The club also led the AFC in total yards in 2003 and the NFL in 2004 and 2005.

The 6'5", 300-pound Roaf retired after the 2005 season. In all, he played in 189 career games over 13 seasons and was named first-team All-NFL seven times (1994-96, 2000, 2003-05), All-NFC six times, and All-AFC three times. He was also voted to 11 Pro Bowls. The only times he did not receive an invitation to the league's All-Star game during his career was following his rookie year and his injury-shortened 2001 season.

Roaf is also a member of both the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1990s and 2000s.



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Tackling Football Math

Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Improve math skills by applying basic functions to the game of football.
- Learn basic football facts and game terms.
- Utilize statistics of NFL football players and teams for computing math problems.
- Research statistics of selected NFL football players and teams for use as alternative information in certain math problems.

Common Core Standards: Operations and Algebraic Thinking; Number Operations in Base Ten; Measurement and Data

Methods/Procedures:

- Students will complete the math worksheets provided on the following pages related to the game of football. They may work independently or with others. Feel free to make adaptations in players and teams to suit your students. Answers to the following worksheets are found in the back of this publication.
 - * Conversions in Football (CCS: Measurement and Data)
 - * Super Bowl Thunder (CCS: Number Operations in Base Ten; Measurement and Data)

UDL Examples

- Allow all students to use conversion charts

Materials:

- Pencil
- Scrap paper for working problems
- Calculators if permitted
- Worksheets

Assessment:

- Students will be assessed on accuracy of responses.

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Conversions in Football



Directions: Complete the following problems, be sure to show all of your work on a separate sheet of paper.

1. During his career, Drew Brees has thrown for 80,358 yards. How many miles is that? _____
2. In 2018, Drew Brees became the NFL's all-time leader in career passing TDs when he hit Josh Hill for a 5-yard touchdown. How many inches was that record breaking touchdown? _____
3. In 2024, Juwan Johnson led the Saints in receiving yards with 548 yards. How many miles is that? _____ to the nearest tenth. *(Hint: 1 mile = 1,760 yards)
4. In 2024 Alvin Kamara rushed for 950 yards. How many feet is that? _____
5. The Saints have the ball on their own 25-yard line and they complete a 45-yard pass. They then lose 4 yards on the next play. What yard line are they now on? _____
6. Saints' quarterback Taysom Hill threw a 54-yard pass. How many inches did he throw? _____
How many centimeters? _____ Hint: 1 inch = 2.54 centimeters
7. A football field measures 100 yards from goal line to goal line. A field is $53 \frac{1}{3}$ yards wide. Convert these measurements to feet. _____
8. If an NFL player weighs 303 pounds. How much does he weigh in ounces? _____
9. A game normally lasts 60 minutes. During a 17-game season, how many total minutes does one team play? _____
10. There are seven officials on the field for every NFL game. If 16 games are played each week, what is the total number of officials officiating throughout the NFL each week? _____



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Super Bowl Thunder

Directions: Answer the following questions using the New Orleans Saints' roster on the following page.

1. Who was the oldest player on the team?
2. What number was Reggie Bush?
3. How many wide receivers (WR) were there?
4. How many players had 10 or more years of NFL experience?
5. How many quarterbacks (QB) were listed?
6. Who was the only player to attend the College of William and Mary?
7. Who was the heaviest player on the team?
8. Who was the lightest player on the team?
9. What position did number 55 play?
10. Add up the total weight of all the running backs (RB/ FB).

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Super Bowl Thunder



New Orleans Saints Super Bowl XLIV Roster

Saints Alphabetical Roster

No	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birth Date	NFL Exp	College
87	Arrington, Adrian	WR	6-3	192	11/7/85	2	Michigan
92	Ayodele, Remi	DT	6-2	318	4/22/83	3	Oklahoma
21	Bell, Mike	RB	6-0	225	4/23/83	4	Arizona
9	Brees, Drew	QB	6-0	209	1/15/79	9	Purdue
11	Brunell, Mark	QB	6-1	217	9/17/70	17	Washington
25	Bush, Reggie	RB	6-0	203	3/2/85	4	USC
74	Bushrod, Jermon	T	6-5	315	8/19/84	3	Towson
52	Casillas, Jonathan	LB	6-1	227	6/3/87	R	Wisconsin
97	Charleston, Jeff	DE	6-4	265	1/19/83	3	Idaho State
12	Colston, Marques	WR	6-4	225	6/5/83	4	Hofstra
10	Daniel, Chase	QB	6-0	225	10/7/86	R	Missouri
80	Dinkins, Darnell	TE	6-4	260	1/20/77	8	Pittsburgh
36	Eckel, Kyle	FB	5-11	237	12/30/81	3	Navy
98	Ellis, Sedrick	DT	6-1	307	7/9/85	2	USC
73	Evans, Jahri	G	6-4	318	8/22/83	4	Bloomsburg
54	Evans, Troy	LB	6-3	238	12/3/77	8	Cincinnati
55	Fujita, Scott	LB	6-5	250	4/28/79	8	California
20	Gay, Randall	CB	5-11	190	5/5/82	6	Louisiana State
76	Goodwin, Jonathan	C	6-3	318	12/2/78	8	Michigan
32	Greer, Jabari	CB	5-11	180	2/11/82	6	Tennessee
30	Hamilton, Lynell	RB	6-0	235	8/5/85	1	San Diego State
69	Hargrove, Anthony	DL	6-3	272	7/20/83	5	Georgia Tech
41	Harper, Roman	S	6-1	200	12/11/82	4	Alabama
5	Hartley, Garrett	K	5-8	196	5/16/86	2	Oklahoma
19	Henderson, Devery	WR	5-11	200	3/26/82	6	Louisiana State
84	Humphrey, Tory	TE	6-2	255	1/20/83	4	Central Michigan
27	Jenkins, Malcolm	CB	6-0	204	12/20/87	R	Ohio State
60	Kyle, Jason	LS	6-3	242	5/12/72	15	Arizona State
57	Leckey, Nick	C	6-3	291	3/12/82	6	Kansas State
93	McCray, Bobby	DE	6-6	260	8/8/81	6	Florida
17	Meachem, Robert	WR	6-2	210	9/28/84	3	Tennessee
50	Mitchell, Marvin	LB	6-3	249	10/21/84	3	Tennessee
16	Moore, Lance	WR	5-9	190	8/31/83	4	Toledo
6	Morstead, Thomas	P	6-4	225	3/7/86	R	Southern Methodist
67	Nesbit, Jamar	G	6-4	328	12/17/76	11	South Carolina
77	Nicks, Carl	G	6-5	343	5/14/85	2	Nebraska
22	Porter, Tracy	CB	5-11	186	8/11/86	2	Indiana
90	Pressley, DeMario	DT	6-3	301	11/3/85	2	North Carolina State
31	Prioleau, Pierson	S	5-11	188	8/6/77	11	Virginia Tech
39	Reis, Chris	S	6-1	215	9/19/83	3	Georgia Tech
15	Roby, Courtney	WR	6-0	189	1/10/83	4	Indiana
58	Shanle, Scott	LB	6-2	245	11/23/79	7	Nebraska
42	Sharper, Darren	S	6-2	210	11/3/75	13	William & Mary
88	Shockey, Jeremy	TE	6-5	251	8/18/80	8	Miami (Florida)
91	Smith, Will	DE	6-3	282	7/4/81	6	Ohio State
96	Spicer, Paul	DE	6-4	295	8/18/75	10	Saginaw Valley State
78	Stinchcomb, Jon	T	6-5	315	8/27/79	7	Georgia
64	Strief, Zach	T	6-7	320	9/22/83	4	Northwestern
85	Thomas, David	TE	6-3	248	7/5/83	4	Texas
23	Thomas, Pierre	RB	5-11	215	12/18/84	3	Illinois
51	Vilma, Jonathan	LB	6-1	230	4/16/82	6	Miami (Florida)
59	Waters, Anthony	LB	6-3	238	7/25/84	3	Clemson
28	Young, Usama	S	6-0	200	5/8/85	3	Kent State

Source: Super Bowl
XLIV Game Program



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How Much Can Be Recycled?

Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Explain how technology influences the quality of life.
- Discuss how decisions about the use of products can result in desirable or undesirable consequences.
- Use examples to predict and analyze.
- Recognize that science can only answer some questions and technology can only solve some human problems.
- Describe examples of scientific advances and emerging technologies and how they impact society.

National Standards: Science: 5-Science and Technology

Methods/Procedures:

- The students and teacher will compile a list of objects that accumulate from fans, players and workers at any NFL game.
- Students gather, if possible, concrete examples of listed items.
- Students determine which listed objects can be recycled.
- Through letters, calls, emails, and possibly personally, determine which stadiums recycle and what items they recycle.
- After compiling all three lists, using a mathematical formula, including amount of each product sold, students determine the weight of each recyclable item/team's game and or season through extrapolation.

UDL Examples

- Encourage all students to share their personal experiences with the New Orleans Saints.
- Discuss how the team has impacted the local community.
- Allow students to work with a partner and use technology to compile their lists.

Materials:

- Students and teacher created item list
- ProFootballHOF.com
- Scales for weighing objects

Assessment:

- Student created tables of items sold, recyclable items, items recycled and total poundage.
- Students will deliver a formal presentation on their findings.
- Teacher posts results and student findings (charts).

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How Much Can Be Recycled?



Caesars Superdome

Items Sold	Item A	Item B	Item C	Item D
Game 1	Total Weight:	Total Weight:	Total Weight:	Total Weight:
Game 2	Total Weight:	Total Weight:	Total Weight:	Total Weight:
Game 3	Total Weight:	Total Weight:	Total Weight:	Total Weight:

Students may add items, delete items, add games, delete games depending on time constraints.



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From Humble Beginnings: The Story of the Saints

Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Understand the beginnings of football as we know it today.

National Standards: U.S. History: 11 - Era 7: The Emergence of Modern America (1890-1930); 12 - Era 8: The Great Depression and World War II (1929-1945); 13 - Era 9: Postwar United States (1945 to early 1970's); 14 - Era 10: Contemporary United States (1968 to the Present)

Methods/Procedures:

- Students will visit the New Orleans Saints' website: NewOrleansSaints.com and the Pro Football Hall of Fame's website: ProFootballHOF.com. A tour through these websites informs students how the Saints began, who were the early superstars, and who helped the Saints become what they are today. Students will take notes.
- If the class can take a field trip to the Caesars Superdome, students should take notes as they tour.
- Students will complete a one page report on the history of the New Orleans Saints from the research gathered.
- Students will then present this information (first game, first player drafted, etc.) to the class.

UDL Examples

- Allow students to create a poster, infographic, or digital presentation instead of a written report

Materials:

- NewOrleansSaints.com
- ProFootballHOF.com
- Saints History on page 1.

Assessment:

- Students will be able to verbally share with others more about the rich history of the New Orleans Saints.

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Saints' Team Travel



Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Improve geography skills using football team facts and locations.
- Use map skills with football facts.
- Explore data from NFL players and teams.

National Standards: Geography: 2-Places and Regions; 5-Environment and Society

Methods/Procedures:

- Have students complete the Saints' Team Travel worksheet

UDL Examples

- Read and describe all facts and worksheets to all students

Materials:

- Worksheet: Saints' Team Travel
- Maps, atlas, online resources
- 2025 New Orleans Saints' Schedule
- Writing utensils
- Paper or posterboard
- Pushpins and string

Assessment:

- Students will be assessed on accuracy of responses to worksheet: Saints' Team Travel



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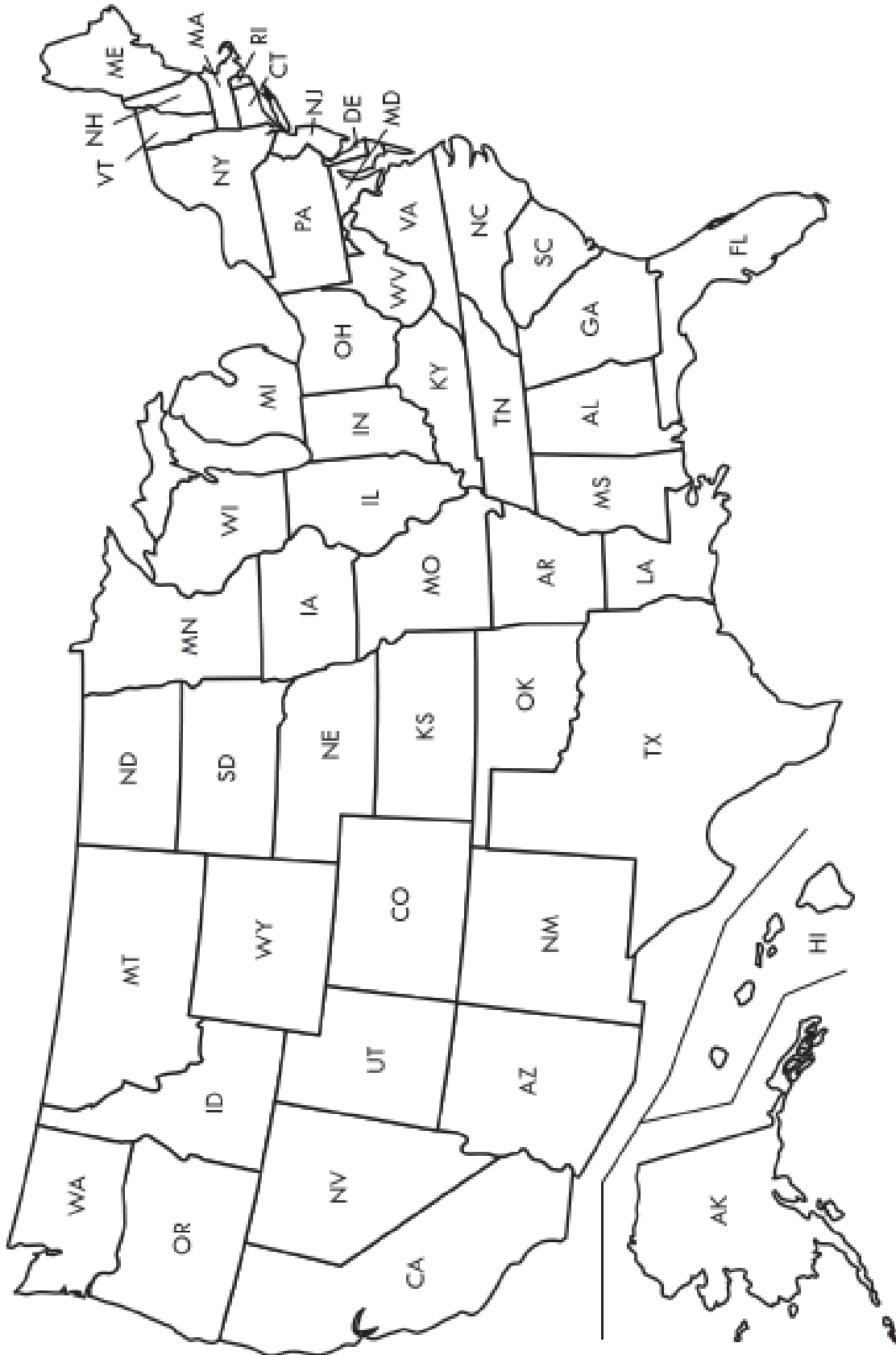
Saints' Team Travel

Directions: Using a blank United States map (next page) and a 2025 NFL schedule complete the following activities.

1. Label each individual state.
2. Label each NFL team in its correct city. On a separate piece of paper, list those states which do not have a NFL team.
3. Secure the map to a piece of cardboard to push pins through. Locate New Orleans, LA and mark it by attaching a string to a pin and placing the pin on New Orleans, LA.
4. Refer to a copy of the team's schedule for the current NFL season (NewOrleansSaints.com). Using the pins and string, locate and mark your team's away games. How many away games do they play?
5. Determine and keep track of the direction your team traveled to play their away games.
6. Using an online map, determine how many miles the team traveled to each of their away games. How many total miles did the team travel throughout the season?
7. Determine if New Orleans, LA is in a different time zone than Canton, OH. What is the time difference? If the starting time of a game is 4:00 p.m. in Canton, OH, what time is the game starting in New Orleans, LA?
8. Keep a log of your team's win-loss record for the season plus the number of points they have scored during each game.
9. Did your team win more home or away games?
10. How many miles is it from New Orleans, LA to Santa Clara, CA, site of Super Bowl LX?

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Saints' Team Travel





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Career Exploration

Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Identify NFL careers.
- Conduct an exploratory interview to get an insider's view of a particular career.
- Investigate career opportunities that reflect their interests, abilities, and personality.
- Utilize various sources of career information.

National Standards: FACS: 1 - Career, Community, and Family Connections

Methods/Procedures:

- Have students complete the following career worksheets and activities provided on the following pages:
 - * Careers with the Saints
 - * Saints Career Matching
 - * Saints Career Future

UDL Examples

- Read all worksheets aloud to all students
- Allow students to work in pairs to complete the worksheets

Materials:

- Career worksheets and activity descriptions
- Career reference books including:
 - * Dictionary of Occupational Titles
 - * Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH)
 - * Guide for Occupational Exploration
 - * Occupational Outlook Quarterly
- Computer program "Ohio Career Information System (OCIS)"
- Internet access to career/job/vocation sites (i.e. <http://stats.bls.gov>)

Assessment:

- Students will be assessed on performance and accuracy of responses.

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Careers with the Saints



Name: _____

There are hundreds of jobs in and around the Saints in addition to being an athlete. See if you can think of one job for each letter in the alphabet.

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____
- G. _____
- H. _____
- I. _____
- J. _____
- K. _____
- L. _____
- M. _____
- N. _____
- O. _____
- P. _____
- Q. _____
- R. _____
- S. _____
- T. _____
- U. _____
- V. _____
- W. _____
- X. _____
- Y. _____
- Z. _____



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Saints Career Matching

Name: _____

Directions: Match the careers on the left with the correct definition on the right:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| _____ Players Agent | A. Good with computers and networking. Oversee all technology applications for teams. |
| _____ Game Official | B. Requires a keen eye, fast reflexes, stamina, self-control, and knowledge of rules and ability to make quick and correct decisions. |
| _____ Sports Photographer | C. Has a strong science background with an emphasis on anatomy and physical therapy for athletes. |
| _____ Sports Psychologist | D. Makes sure the stadiums and arenas are operable and safe for both players and fans. |
| _____ Facilities Manager | E. Participates in contract negotiations, arranges personal appearances and sets up endorsements for commercial products. |
| _____ Director of IT | F. Advises athletes on how to eat to perform their best. |
| _____ Official Statistician | G. Expert in mathematics, bookkeeping, statistics and operating a computer. |
| _____ Scout | H. Artist who uses a camera to capture the single action of an individual's successes as well as defeats. |
| _____ Athletic Trainer | I. Evaluates potential players as well as next week's opponents. |
| _____ Sports Nutritionist | J. Helps athletes cope with pressure. |

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Saints Career Future



Name: _____

The NFL can offer a ticket to fame and fortune. However, only a small percentage of people actually become professional athletes. Even those who do must some day retire and begin new careers Education is the key to the future.

Think about the types of NFL career possibilities that exist for a person with your interests, abilities, and personality. Project yourself into the future and choose one occupation that interests you. Answer the following questions using any resources available (parents, relatives, career mentors, teachers, guidance counselors, Internet and printed material).

- What education and training would I need?
- What skills and aptitude should I have?
- Is there an age requirement? If so, what is it?
- What would my work environment be like?
- What hours would I spend on the job?
- What is the starting salary?
- What are the opportunities for advancement in this line of work?
- What are the benefits of the career?
- What is the dress code?
- What specific duties would I perform?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of the job?

Now that you know more about the career, is it still something you would like to pursue? Why or why not?



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Saints Jersey Design

Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Create an original frontal design for a jersey, employing color choices, fabric/clothing details and lettering design. This lesson focuses on use of contrast, center of interest and balance.

National Standards: Visual Arts: 1-Understanding and applying media, techniques and processes

Methods/Procedures:

- Fold drawing paper in half, short sides together, to create a center line. This line will be used as guide when drawing the neckline and number.
- Using pencil and ruler, divide the paper vertically into fourths, using very light guidelines. These lines represent approximate areas where sleeves are sewn onto the sides of the body.
- Decide on the thickness of sleeves, drawing them to extend to the outside edges of the paper.
- Sketch the neckline – standard jerseys usually have v-necks, but use another shape if you like.
- Add detailing – clothing that must endure the rigors of a contact sport usually has double stitching for strength. This can be shown at the sleeves, bottom and any other area you choose.
- Determine a color pattern – borrow colors from the Saints or create your own combinations. No more than two or three colors are necessary. Highlights of black and white are often used on jerseys in conjunction with one or two other colors. Use your color pattern to create bands on the sleeves, neckline and other areas as desired. Colors should have good contrast that allows the design to be visible from a distance, especially the number(s).
- Use the fold line to help you center the number you chose. Examples of block letters are shown on the accompanying illustration, but be as creative as you'd like. Jersey numbers are often "shaded" with a second colors. Frequently, smaller numbers are sewn to the shoulders. From this viewpoint, only part of the shoulder numbers would be visible.
- Add a tag inside the neckline to show the size. Jerseys often have outside tags on the lower portion of the body that show the manufacturer's name. This would be an ideal are to sign your name or create a company with your initials. Add any other detail you would like.
- If desired, cut out your jersey and mount on a contrasting color.

UDL Examples

- Allow students to work with a partner
- Allow students to use technology to create/draw a jersey design

Materials:

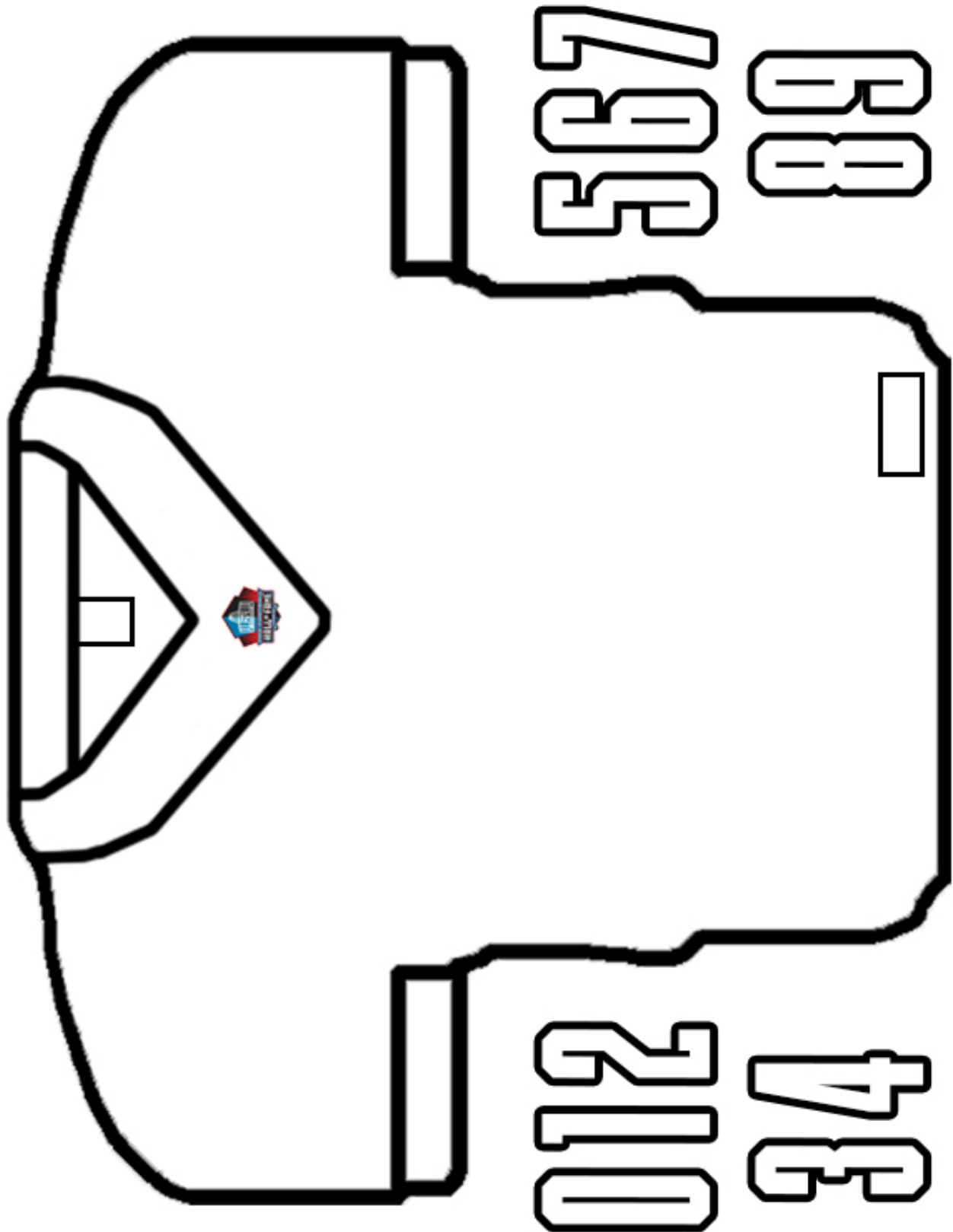
- White or manila drawing paper, 12" x 18" or 9" x 12"
- Drawing pencil/eraser
- Ruler or straightedge
- Colored pencils, markers, crayons or other coloring media

Assessment:

- Ask the student to write an advertisement for his/her jersey, describing the type of fabric that would be used, why the color choices are successful, the durability of the shirt, other details that were used, and the approximate price of the shirt.

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Saints Jersey Design





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The Internet and Football

Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Identify the Internet as a viable source for information and research.
- Identify key phrases and words in searching the Internet for football related information.
- Identify various and reliable Internet sites.
- Identify main points of article.
- Effectively analyze Internet sites

National Standards: Technology: 2-Issues; 3-Technology Productivity Tools; 4-Technology Communication Tools; 5- Technology Research Tools, 6-Technology Problem Solving

Methods/Procedures:

- Students complete the worksheets provided on the following pages in this section concentrating on one activity at a time.
- Teachers are encouraged to adjust, adapt, and alter activities to suit class needs.
- Answers are located in the back of this publication.
 - * ProFootballHOF.com
 - * NewOrleansSaints.com
 - * Additional Internet Sites
- Students would be encouraged to access the Hall's official site: ProFootballHOF.com. On this site students can examine articles to analyze and discuss.
- Students can present the information gathered from the lessons to the class.

UDL Examples

- Read aloud all worksheets to the class
- Allow students to work in pairs

Materials:

- NewOrleansSaints.com
- ProFootballHOF.com
- Access to the school and/or public library as well as a computer center
- Internet Activity Sheets

Assessment:

- Students will be assessed based upon completed worksheets and/or presentations



Name: _____

Directions: After finding your way to the Pro Football Hall of Fame website, find the answers to the following questions.

1. What are the three reasons the Pro Football Hall of Fame is located in Canton, Ohio?
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____

2. In the "Football History" section, find one story about the 1980's. Summarize the article below.

3. Under "NFL History and Stats," list two players talked about in "African Americans in Pro Football."
 - D. _____
 - E. _____

4. Who were the enshrinees in the Class of 2025?
 - E. _____
 - F. _____
 - G. _____
 - H. _____

5. A jersey number has been worn by more Hall of Famers (14) than any other number. Which number is it? _____



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NewOrleansSaints.com

Name: _____

Directions: After accessing the website NewOrleansSaints.com, find the answers to the following questions:

1. Who was the first majority stockholder-president of the New Orleans Saints?
2. In what year were the New Orleans Saints founded?
3. How many season tickets did the Saints sell in their first season?
4. Who was the first Saints player to be named Rookie of the Year?
5. Name three players inducted into the Saints Hall of Fame.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
6. Find one article on the site. Summarize that article below.



The following websites can be accessed for additional information for your students.

www.usatoday.com

www.espn.com

www.cbssports.com

www.sportsillustrated.com

www.nfl.com/superbowl



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Even Chris Olave Had to Start Somewhere

Goals/Objectives:

Students will:

- Correlate the fitness concepts of strength, agility, flexibility, and endurance to basic yet specific forms of exercise.

National Standards: Physical Education: 2-Movement Concepts, Principles, Strategies, and Tactics; 3-Physical Activity; 4-Physical Fitness; 6-Values Physical Activity

Methods/Procedures:

- Students will be asked to discuss and list basic exercises that can be done to improve one's muscular strength, agility, flexibility, and muscular endurance.
- Basic Exercise Examples
 - * Muscular Strength Push-ups, Sit-ups (Few Repetition), Chin-ups, Pull-ups, Squat thrust, Bench dips
 - * Agility Line jumps (forward, backward, side to side, scissors), One Foot hop
 - * Flexibility Standing toe touch, Standing V stretch, Butterfly, Seated toe touch, Seated V stretch, Inverted hurdles stretch
 - * Endurance Push-ups, Sit-ups, Chin-ups, Squat thrust, Bench dips, Walking, Jogging (slow, medium or fast) Jump rope (Many Repetitions)

Materials:

- Notepad/paper and pencil/pen
- Blackboard or Dry mark board
- Access to computer

Assessment:

- Students will be assessed on their participation in activities.

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Answer Key



Conversions in Football

1. 45.7 miles
2. 180 inches
3. .3 miles
4. 2,850 feet
5. 34 yard line of opposing team
6. 1,944 inches, 4937.76 centimeters
7. 300 feet long, 160 feet wide
8. 5,800 ounces
9. 1,020 minutes
10. 112 officials

Super Bowl Thunder

1. Mark Brunell 9/17/70
2. 25
3. 6
4. 6
5. 3
6. Darren Sharper
7. Carl Nicks - 343 lbs.
8. Jabari Greer - 180 lbs.
9. Linebacker
10. 1115 lbs.

Careers with the Saints

Possible Answers

- A = Agent
- B = Broadcaster
- C = Coach
- D = Doctor
- E = Equipment Manager
- F = Field Judge
- G = Groundskeeper
- H = Head Linesman
- I = Intern
- J = Journalist
- K = Kinesiologist
- L = Lawyer
- M = Mascot
- N = Nutritionist
- O = Owner
- P = Photographer
- Q = Quarterback Coach
- R = Referee
- S = Scout

- T = Trainer
- U = Umpire
- V = Vendor
- W = Writer
- X = X-Ray Technician
- Y = Yoga Instructor
- Z = Zeppelin Driver

Saints Career Matching

- E- Players Agent
- B- Game Official
- H- Sports Photographer
- J- Sports Psychologist
- D- Facilities Manager
- A- Sports Promoter
- G- Official Statistician
- I- Scout
- C- Athletic Trainer
- F- Sports Nutritionist

NewOrleansSaints.com

1. John W. Mecom, Jr.
2. 1966
3. 33,400
4. George Rogers 1981
5. Answer varies
6. Student's choice

ProFootballHOF.com

1. A. The American Professional Football Association, was founded in Canton in 1920.
B. The Canton Bulldogs were an early day pro football power. First two-time champion of the NFL. Jim Thorpe played for Bulldogs.
C. Canton citizens launched a determined and organized campaign in the 1960's to earn the site.
2. Answer varies
3. Answer varies
4. Jared Allen, Eric Allen, Sterling Sharpe, Antonio Gates
5. 81

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