

Unstoppable: How Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team Defeated Army

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HAVE
FUN!



Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- Many of the students at Carlisle were there because they were taken from their homes. How do you think they were feeling? How do you think their families were feeling? Explain why you think this.
- Why do you think sports were so important to Jim Thorpe? Explain why you think this.

Create

Make an experience of your own.

- Conduct research to learn more about Jim Thorpe. Create your own biography of Jim Thorpe using this information. Be sure to include information about what he was called in his native Sauk language (Wa-tho-huk – Bright Path). Remember to give credit to your sources!
- In this book, you will find a glossary which explains important terms from Jim Thorpe's life and the sport of football. Create your own glossary which explains important terms from your own life and your own favorite sport or activity.

Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- This story is written about Jim from the perspective of a narrator. Rewrite a part of this story from Jim's perspective, imagining how he would be feeling about what was happening in his life.
- What do you think life was like for the other members of the team? Imagine how they were feeling and what they may have been experiencing. Write about this idea or draw a scene from the story with another teammate as the focus.