

Learning from Pictures

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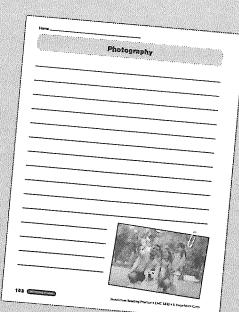
1. Cameras take in light and _____ it to make images.
Ⓐ focus
Ⓑ turn
Ⓒ move
2. People can print camera images on _____.
Ⓐ telescopes
Ⓑ computer screens
Ⓒ photo paper
3. What kinds of objects would you see in a photograph taken by a space telescope?

4. Your grandpa gave you a book of old photographs. Write three questions you might find answers to in the pictures.

Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to write about what you read.

Write to tell about photography. Tell how and why people take photographs.



Kristi Yamaguchi

Level 1 ■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Heart of a Champion

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Kristi Yamaguchi still skates, though not for medals. She has her own clothing company. She is the author of two children's books. She is the mother of three children. Kristi Yamaguchi feels that helping others is important. She started the Always Dream Foundation. This group gives books to schools. Children receive books from the foundation. Their parents return the books home. This helps children to read at home.

With hard work, Kristi became a strong and beautiful skater.

Words to Know

- champion
- Olympics
- medal
- ladies'
- figure
- lessons
- casts
- straighten
- clothing
- company
- author
- Always Dream Foundation

Graphic Organizer

Name _____
Fill in the circle to complete the sentence.

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Level 2 ■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Figure Skating Champion

Kristi Yamaguchi is a champion figure skater. She won a gold medal at the 1992 Olympics. Yamaguchi also won a U.S. Figure Skating championship and two World Figure Skating Championships. She won many other awards, too. Kristi Yamaguchi has been a figure skating star since she was a young girl. When Kristi was born her legs were turned in and crossed. She wore casts on both legs when she was a baby. The casts straightened her legs. Later, she began to study figure skating. It was a good way to make her legs strong.

Today, Kristi Yamaguchi still skates, though not for medals. She is a busy mother and a children's book author. She has her own clothing business. Yamaguchi started a group called the Always Dream Foundation. This group of people gives books to schools. Children who don't have books go to take the books home. Then the children return the books to school each day. Besides being a champion skater, Kristi Yamaguchi understands that it is important for children to read at home.

A champion skater is always learning.

Words to Know

- champion
- figure
- medal
- Olympics
- Championship
- casts
- straightened
- clothing
- business
- Always Dream Foundation

Graphic Organizer

Name _____
Fill in the circle to complete the sentence.

158 Kristi Yamaguchi 2E

Level 3 ■■■

Words to Know list, Reading Selection, and Reading Comprehension questions

Always Dream

Reading books was one of Kristi Yamaguchi's favorite things to do when she was a girl. She also liked to figure skate. Kristi took skating lessons to make her legs strong. Her legs were turned in when she was born. So she wore casts on her legs when she was a baby. The casts helped strengthen her legs. She grew into a strong and beautiful skater. She loved to figure skate because she became a champion. Yamaguchi won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the 1992 Olympic Games.

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Words to Know

- Always Dream Foundation
- favorite
- figure
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- casts
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- ladies'
- author
- Always Dream Foundation

Graphic Organizer

Name _____
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Assemble the Unit

Reproduce and distribute one copy for each student:

- Visual Literacy page: Kristi Yamaguchi Timeline, page 161
- Level 1, 2, or 3 Reading Selection and Reading Comprehension page and the corresponding Words to Know list
- Graphic Organizer of your choosing, provided on pages 180–186
- Writing Form: Olympic Gold, page 162

Introduce the Topic

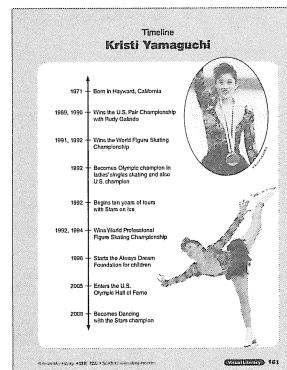
Explain that Kristi Yamaguchi is a champion figure skater known around the world. She was a member of the United States figure skating team and won a gold medal in the 1992 Olympics. Read aloud the timeline and discuss the highlights of her life.

Read and Respond

Form leveled groups and review the Words to Know lists with each group of students. Instruct each group to read their selection individually, in pairs, or as a group. Have students complete the Reading Comprehension page for their selection.

Write About the Topic

Read aloud the leveled writing prompt for each group. Tell students to use the Graphic Organizer to plan their writing. Direct students to use their Writing Form to respond to their prompt.



Visual Literacy

Olympic Gold

Name _____

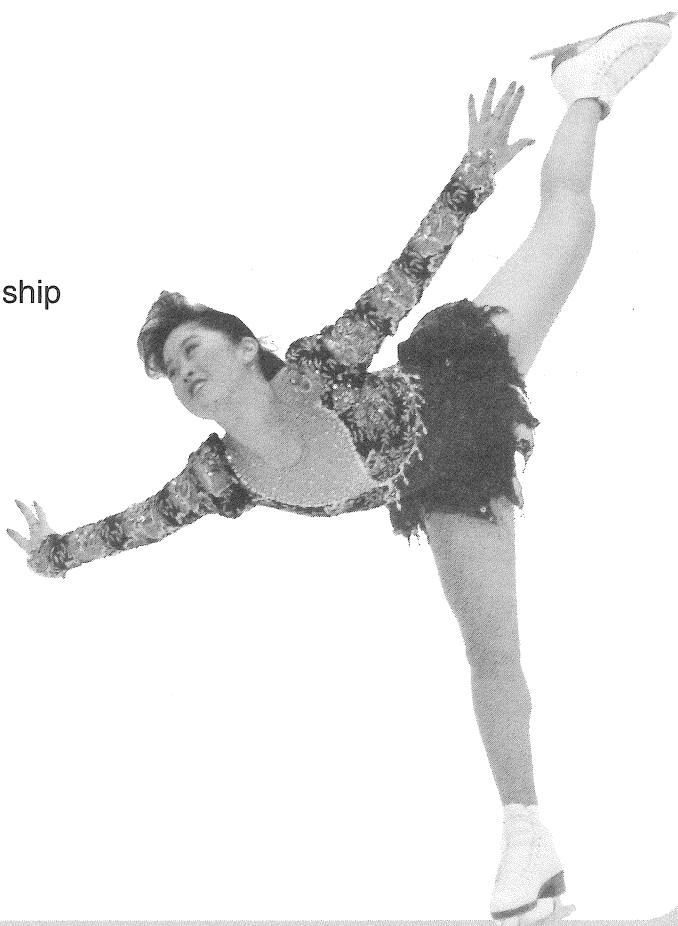
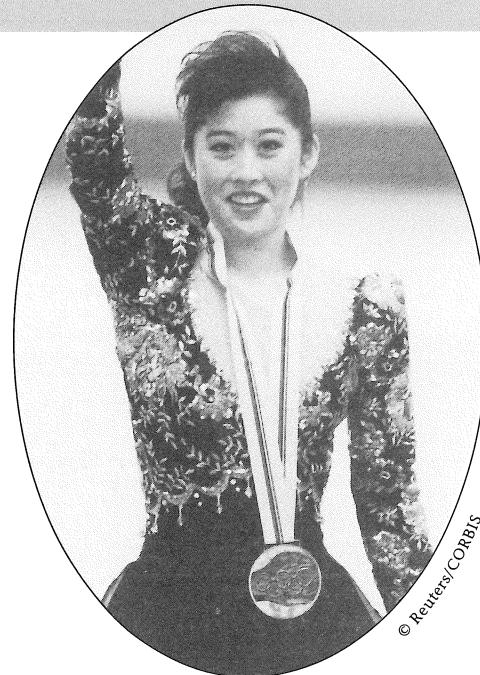
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Writing Form

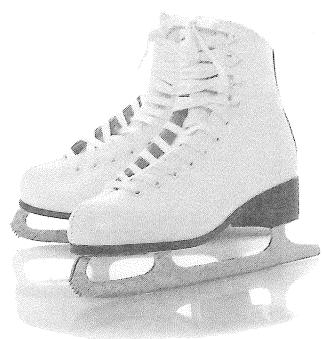
Timeline

Kristi Yamaguchi

- 1971 — Born in Hayward, California
- 1989, 1990 — Wins the U.S. Pair Championship with Rudy Galindo
- 1991, 1992 — Wins the World Figure Skating Championship
- 1992 — Becomes Olympic champion in ladies' singles skating and also U.S. champion
- 1992 — Begins ten years of tours with Stars on Ice
- 1992, 1994 — Wins World Professional Figure Skating Championship
- 1996 — Starts the Always Dream Foundation for children
- 2005 — Enters the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame
- 2008 — Becomes Dancing with the Stars champion



Olympic Gold



Words to Know
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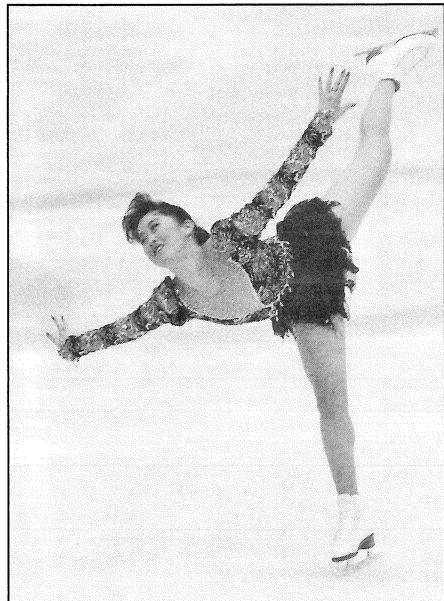
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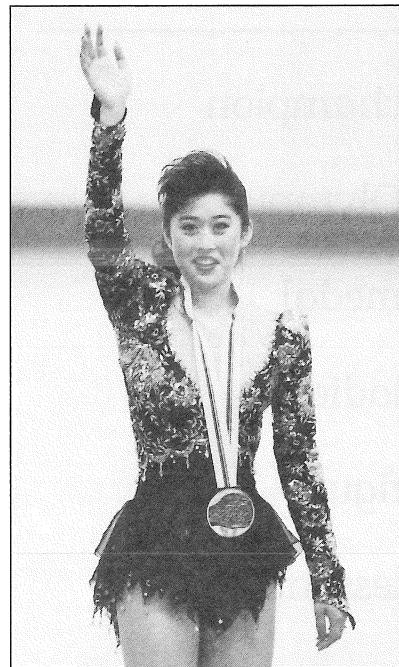
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With hard work, Kristi became a strong and beautiful skater.



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Kristi Yamaguchi wins the gold medal in 1992.

Heart of a Champion

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1. Kristi Yamaguchi won a gold medal in _____.
Ⓐ school
Ⓑ the 1992 Olympics
Ⓒ skating lessons

2. Kristi Yamaguchi started her foundation _____.
Ⓐ because children did not have books
Ⓑ to teach children to figure skate
Ⓒ to help children win medals

3. What facts show that Kristi Yamaguchi cares about children and reading?
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-

4. What challenge did Kristi Yamaguchi overcome?
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Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to draw and write about what you read.

Draw Kristi Yamaguchi at the Olympics.
Write to tell about what she did there.

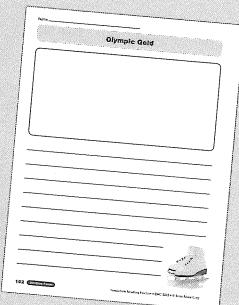
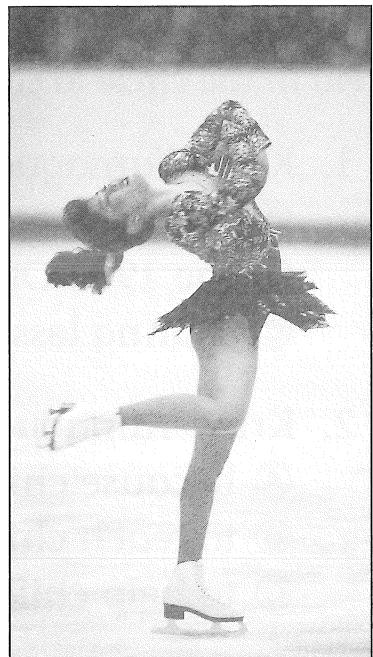


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A champion skater is strong and graceful.

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Olympic champion Kristi Yamaguchi is often asked to go to public events.

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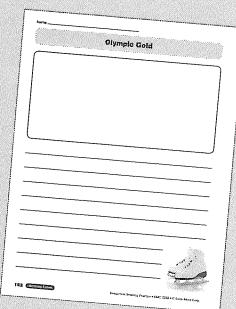
1. In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi _____.
Ⓐ was born
Ⓑ wrote a book
Ⓒ won a gold medal
2. Skating lessons helped Kristi Yamaguchi _____.
Ⓐ have stronger legs
Ⓑ start a school
Ⓒ read more books
3. What questions would you ask Kristi Yamaguchi?

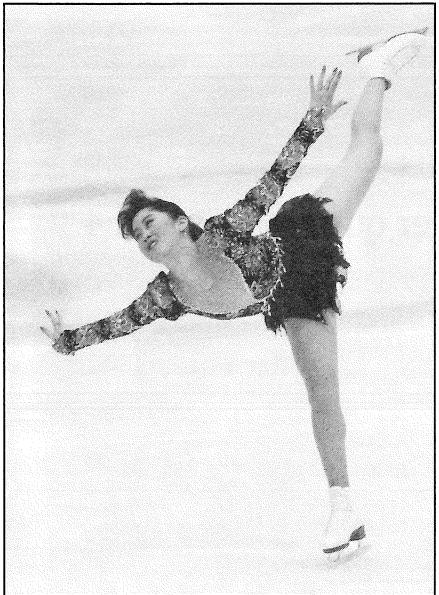
4. What examples can you give to show that Kristi Yamaguchi has a busy life?

Write About the Topic

Use the Writing Form to draw and write about what you read.

Draw Kristi Yamaguchi reading to children.
Write about her Always Dream Foundation.



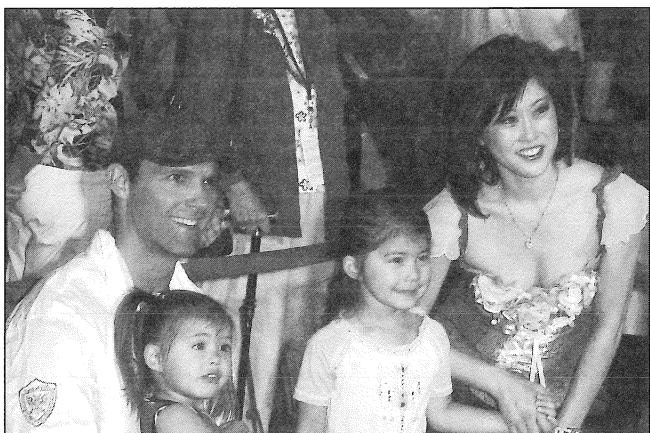


Kristi Yamaguchi skates like a champion.

Always Dream

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Kristi Yamaguchi enjoys time with her husband and daughters.