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# HOMETOWN

# TEAMS

HOW SPORTS SHAPE AMERICA



## GET IN THE GAME!

Check out these downloadable, sports-related lesson plans for **grades 6–10!**

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All lesson plans follow **Common Core standards** and **project-based learning theories**.

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PHOTOS: Top: Women's rowing team from Bates College, ME, May 2012. Steve Johnson / MAAC.  
Bottom: Neighborhood hockey, MN, 1948. Minnesota Historical Society: Al Heitman





Women's field hockey game, ca. 1919. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, National Photo Company Collection, LC-F8-5183

What proportions and measurements are involved in the design of a sports field? How is geometry involved?

**MATH**

Are there turning points in your favorite sport? When did they occur and what else was going on in America or the world at the time?

**HISTORY**

Write a creative story inspired by a piece of sports equipment or memorabilia.

**ENGLISH**

What novels are there on sports and what themes do they address?

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What words are associated with sports in Spanish, French, or German? Are there sports-specific expressions in those languages?

**LANGUAGE**

How is physics at work in this game? What systems of the human body are being used? Are there any negative practices in your favorite sport that are harmful to a player's health?

**SCIENCE**

# TRAINING FOR THE BRAIN!



What properties of physics can you observe in this game? How is physics involved in the design of a sports field? How is climate a factor in the design?

**SCIENCE**

Are there any new sports played in your community? What sports did your parents and grandparents play? How long have those sports been popular in your community?

**HISTORY**

Write a rulebook explaining a new sport. What chapters would it include? What evidence would you use to explain why rules are needed in the sport?

**ENGLISH**

How would you design a scoring system for a new sport?

**MATH**

Slamball, which developed in the early 2000s, is based on basketball. Photo by Jim Heath