

# Unit 6 - Openly Gay and Impactful Athletes

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## **Transfer Skills**

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Identify important female athletic figures that have overcome several obstacles and broken many barriers.

Analyze the impact that lesbian athletes have on the youth of America and how they are beginning to normalize their sexuality.

## **Enduring Understandings**

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Students will also identify women whom have broken social and cultural barriers.

Primary sources will be analyzed and evaluated to gain a more complete understanding of the many contributions made by women over the past few decades.

Women played significant parts throughout history which have impacted personal freedoms that contemporary women enjoy.

## **Essential Questions**

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How have social activists created change?

Why does our society still alienate our LGBTQ community?

Given their platform, how have female athletes been able to advocate for the LGBTQ community?

What are some goals that female athletes have for the future female youth of America?

How do novels and interviews of famous female athletes influence change throughout our country and the world?

How do women use their writing skills and celebrity platform to help expose issues women face every day?

## **Content**

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Openly gay athletes - Elena Delle Donne, Abby Wambach, Brittney Griner

Soccer - Carli Lloyd, Christie Rampone

Tennis - Serena Williams

Gymnastics - Gabby Douglas

UFC - Rhonda Rousey

Volleyball - Kerri Walsh-Jennings

Nascar - Danica Patrick

Golf / Track and Field - Babe Didrikson Zaharias

## **Skills**

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SWBAT identify and explain in detail the top women in each sport that have broken the barrier and raised the standard for women.

SWBAT explain the ridicule and obstacles that female athletes had to face when they "came out" that they were lesbians.

SWBAT discuss the problems that female athletes still face today in America and throughout the world.

SWBAT analyze primary sources from the athletes listed to gain a deeper understanding of the struggles these women faced and continue to face in our society.

## **Resources**

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Google Classroom

Google Slides

Google Docs

Chromebooks

Primary Sources

Graphic Organizers

Youtube

Student Notebooks

NewsELA

Political Cartoons

Twitter - news sources

Google Form

## **Standards**

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SOC.K-12.1	Developing Questions and Planning Inquiry
SOC.K-12.2	Gathering and Evaluating Sources
SOC.K-12.3	Seeking Diverse Perspectives
SOC.K-12.4	Developing Claims and Using Evidence
SOC.K-12.5	Presenting Arguments and Explanations

## **LGBTQ & Persons With Disabilities**

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### **LGBTQ:**

Glennon Doyle, Abby Wambach

### **Persons with Disabilities:**

Abby Dunkin - disabled and lesbian

<https://www.outsports.com/2016/9/19/12968080/paralympics-rio-lgbt-women-wheelchair-basketball>