GROUP DISCUSSION

Comprehension
Strategy: Key Details
Think of 2 key details each from the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

Strategy: Theme
Think of 4–6 details in the story that support the theme of “Find your passion and follow your dream.”

Strategy: Theme
Think of 4–6 details in the story that support the theme of “You can overcome adversity.”

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Have a partner discussion and then a whole group discussion around these opinions:

“You have to have hard experiences to build character.”

“As professional athletes, women have to work harder.”

“Winning is/isn’t everything.”

Use discourse moves such as:

What I hear you saying is . . .
I respectfully disagree because . . .
In my experience . . .
What do you think about . . .
I agree with you/that because . . .
Can you say more about . . .

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES

Think about your own passions and dreams.
How do people come to have a dream? What do you think you want to do with your life at this point in time?

Draw a picture of yourself pursuing your passion.
Write a paragraph using the topic sentence “My dream/passion is . . .” Support this statement with 5–8 detailed sentences that describe your passion. End your paragraph with the question “What is your dream/passion?”

Think of a problem Sue had in the story and put it in a sentence. Write sentences that describe steps she took to solve the problem using “First,” “Next,” “Then,” and “Last.”

Read another biography about a sports figure or famous person. Compare them to Sue Bird. Look for differences as well as similarities such as having a role model, going through struggles, and learning new things.

Interview someone you know about their passion. Use these questions as well as some of your own:

1. What is something you do very well?
2. What is a passion of yours?
3. When did you discover this about yourself?
4. Do/did you have a role model or someone you highly respect influencing you? Who are/were they?