

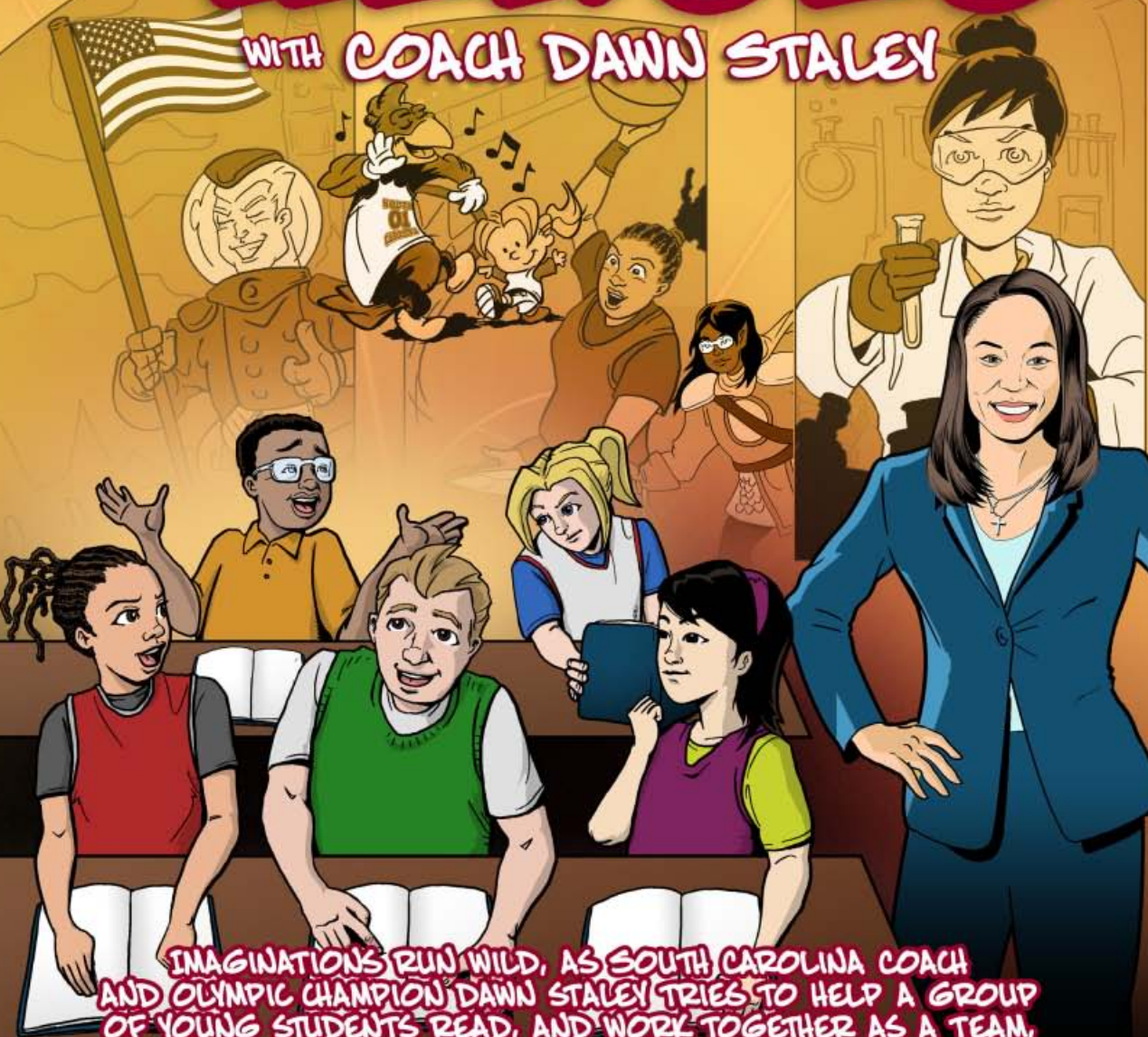
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
SOUTH CAROLINA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESENTS...



# READING HEROES

WITH COACH DAWN STALEY



IMAGINATIONS RUN WILD, AS SOUTH CAROLINA COACH AND OLYMPIC CHAMPION DAWN STALEY TRIES TO HELP A GROUP OF YOUNG STUDENTS READ, AND WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM, SHARING HER INSPIRING STORY ON THE POWER OF BEING A...

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# ...READING HERO!

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# SOUTH CAROLINA



Welcome to the **Literacy and Education** segment of the "Read with the Gamecocks" reading program! In its eleventh year, the program has significantly continued to promote literacy in elementary school children. Due to the success of last year's program, in which 103 schools and 4,395 students participated in reading over 1.9 million pages, South Carolina has extended the program by creating a three-part Reading Heroes comic book series. This new initiative allows students three opportunities to "Read with the Gamecocks!"

The **Literacy and Education** segment of the program took place January 4, 2010 through January 15, 2010. Each participant recorded the amount of pages read with his/her parent or guardian's approval. At the end of the contest, participants submitted their results to their teachers. Winners from each grade (K-5) were selected and will be honored at the **Literacy and Education** game on February 14, 2010.

Congratulations to everyone who participated. Coach Staley and the University of South Carolina applaud you!

For information on participating in this program, please email [Readgc@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:Readgc@mailbox.sc.edu) or visit [www.gamecocksonline.com/readingprogram](http://www.gamecocksonline.com/readingprogram).

READING HEROES 2010 - CREATED BY STARBRIDGE MEDIA GROUP FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM.

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IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER READING ADVENTURE, AS OUR STORY BEGINS AT A LOCAL SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL...

# READ & WRITE WITH COCKY AND THE GAMECOCKS CONTEST!

This comic book created especially for  
University of South Carolina Women's Basketball by  
**STARBRIDGE**  
READING PROJECT

HEY, CHECK OUT THAT POSTER!

IT'S SOME SORT OF READING CONTEST!

THE RULES SAY WE NEED TO READ OUR FAVORITE TYPES OF BOOKS...

...AND COME UP WITH A STORY OF OUR OWN, INSPIRED BY THOSE BOOKS.

RULES

WELL, IF COCKY IS INVOLVED...

...COUNT ME IN!

**GO GAMECOCKS!**

YOU SAID IT, MAX!

IT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

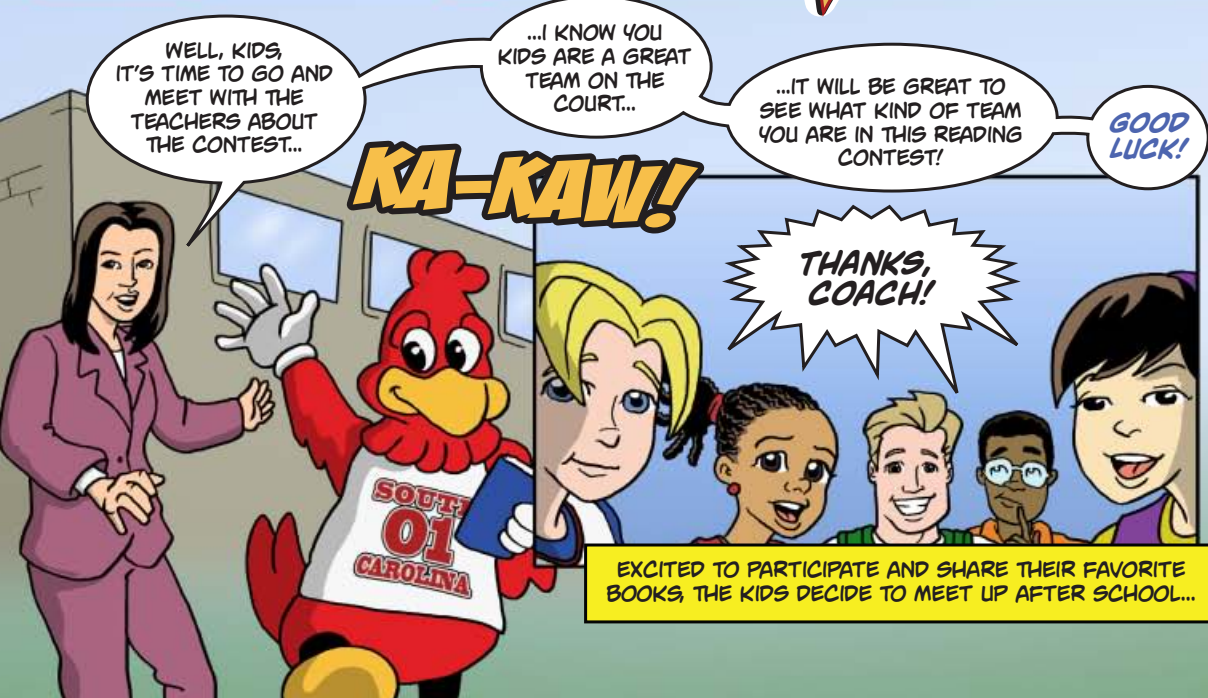
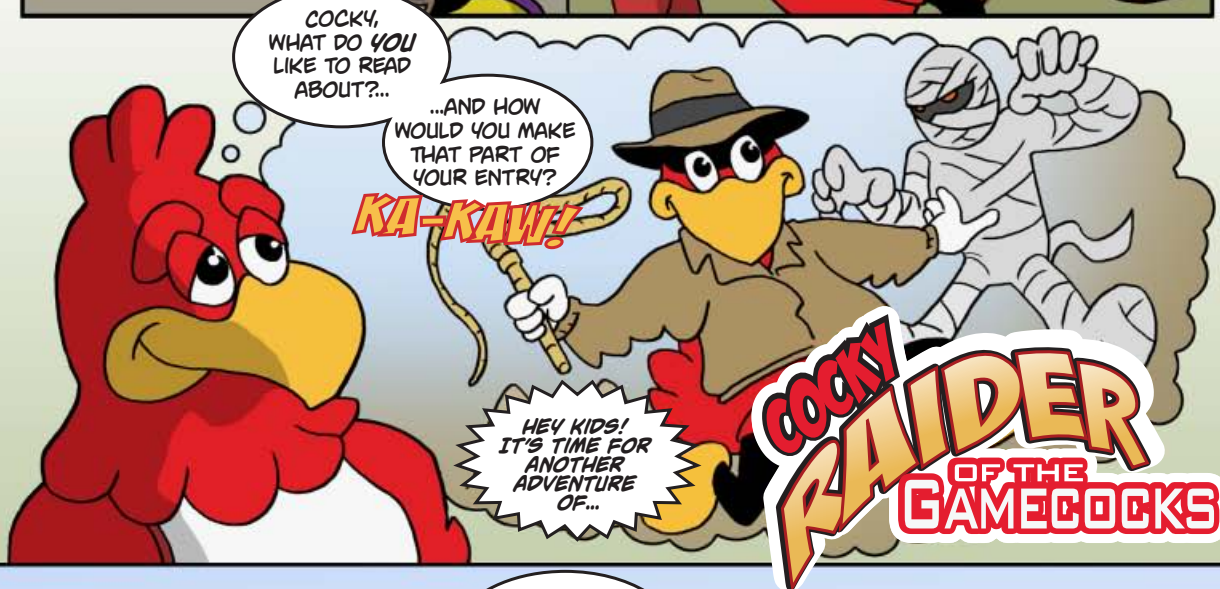
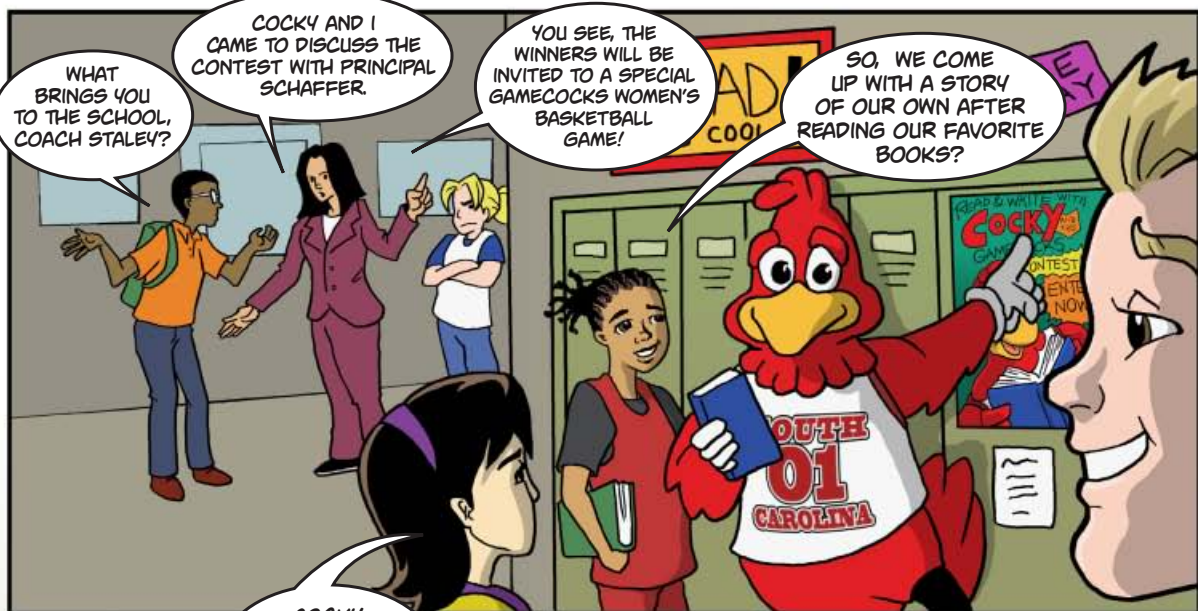
IT WILL BE AWESOME! RIGHT, **COACH STALEY?**

IT MOST CERTAINLY WILL, ZOEY!

COCKY AND I HOPE YOU WILL ALL PARTICIPATE!

**Ka Kaw!**





...THE KIDS END UP AT THE BASKETBALL COURTS TO PLAY SOME B-BALL, AND TO COME UP WITH AN IDEA FOR THE CONTEST...

THE CONTEST RULES SAY WE NEED TO CREATE A STORY AS A GROUP...

...BASED ON SOMETHING WE LIKE TO READ!

...HERE IS WHAT I SUGGEST...

THE LORD OF THE RINGS

LONG AGO, AND FAR AWAY...

...IN THE MOUNTAINOUS LAND OF KAROLINIA, WHERE OGRES DWELLED, AND MAGIC FILLED THE AIR...

...A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WAS HELD PRISONER BY NASTY WITCHES...

...SHE COULD ONLY BE SAVED BY THE POWER OF COCKY THE WIZARD, AND THE HEROICS OF THE ELF WARRIOR KNOWN AS...

### Reading Fun Fact:

J.R.R. TOLKEIN, WHO WROTE THE ACCLAIMED FANTASY NOVEL "LORD OF THE RINGS," WAS FRIENDS WITH C.S. LEWIS, WHO AUTHORED THE EQUALLY POPULAR "CHRONICLES OF NARNIA" SERIES OF BOOKS.

**TEDDY!!**



I THINK WE SHOULD CREATE A STORY WITH HUMOR, ART, AND SILLY CHARACTERS, LIKE THE COMIC STRIPS I LIKE TO READ!

SOMETHING COOL, LIKE...

# taylor and cocky

WE TOOK MY HOMEWORK ON OLD-TIME FRANCE...

...AND TURNED IT INTO AN INTERPRETIVE DANCE...



## Reading Fun Fact:

AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN NORTHRIDGE, CA, LITERARY SCHOLAR CHARLES HATFIELD TEACHES CLASSES STUDYING COMICS AS GREAT LITERATURE.

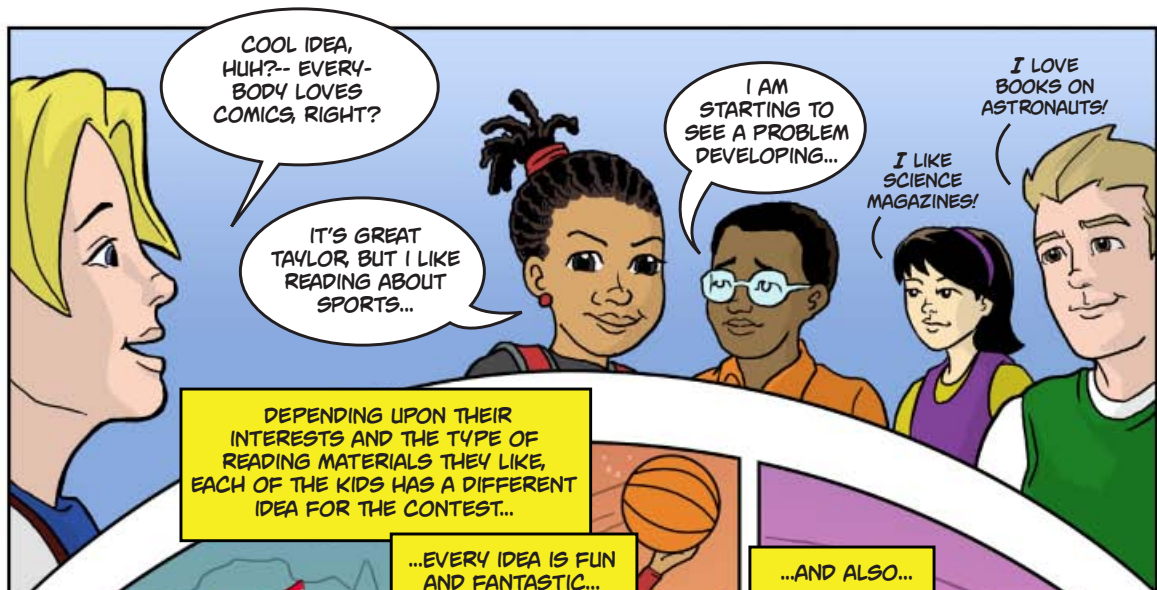
...WHO IN SOUTH CAROLINA (OR PARIS) COULD POSSIBLY THINK...

...THAT COCKY AND I COULD MAKE OUR HISTORY HOMEWORK NOT STINK?...



SO FRIENDS, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

COOL, TAYLOR!



DEPENDING UPON THEIR INTERESTS AND THE TYPE OF READING MATERIALS THEY LIKE, EACH OF THE KIDS HAS A DIFFERENT IDEA FOR THE CONTEST...

...EVERY IDEA IS FUN AND FANTASTIC...

...AND ALSO...

...COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!



## Reading Heroes Brain Booster:

EACH OF THE KIDS ENJOYS READING, BUT HAVE DIFFERENT INTERESTS. WHAT KIND OF THINGS DO YOU LIKE TO READ ABOUT? FICTION? BIOGRAPHIES? NEWSPAPERS? COMICS? SOMETHING ELSE? **BELOW, WRITE DOWN YOUR FAVORITE THING TO READ:**

WHO HAS THE BEST IDEA, BASED UPON WHAT THEY LIKE TO READ? NO ONE CAN AGREE...

SPACE EXPLORER!

COMIC STRIP!

HMMM...

scientist! ⚡

ATHLETE!

...THERE *MUST* BE A WAY TO SOLVE THIS CONUNDRUM!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, KIDS?

Ka-Kaw!

COACH STALEY! COCKY! THANK GOODNESS YOU ARE HERE!

WE CAN'T AGREE ON ANYTHING!

I HEARD YOUR HEATED DISCUSSION!

ZOEY, PLEASE PASS ME THE BALL!

THANKS! COCKY-- GO LONG!

SOMETIMES, WHEN YOU WORK AS A TEAM...

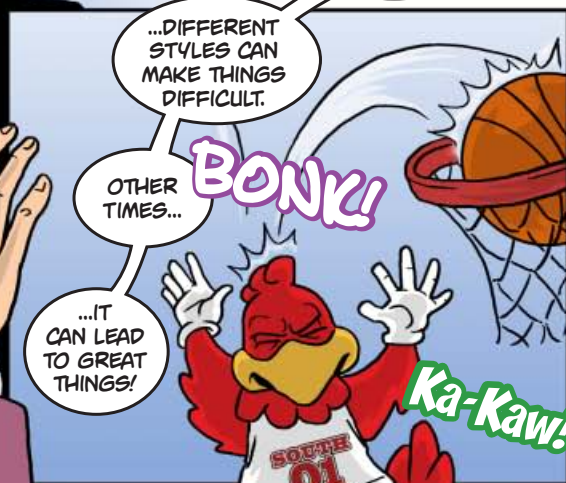
...DIFFERENT STYLES CAN MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT.

OTHER TIMES...

...IT CAN LEAD TO GREAT THINGS!

BONK!

Ka-Kaw!



SORRY ABOUT THAT, COCKY!

I'VE TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF READING...

...EATING RIGHT...

...AND WORKING HARD.

THESE ARE ALL THINGS MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS TAUGHT ME. BECAUSE OF THAT, I MADE IT TO THE OLYMPICS AS A PLAYER...

...AND A COACH.

BUT, COACHING IS DIFFERENT FROM PLAYING, AND TO BE A BETTER COACH, I'VE HAD TO LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS TO LEAD A TEAM...

TO BE A COACH, YOU NEED TO BE WELL-READ ON FITNESS AND CONDITIONING...

...MOTIVATION AND DISCIPLINE...

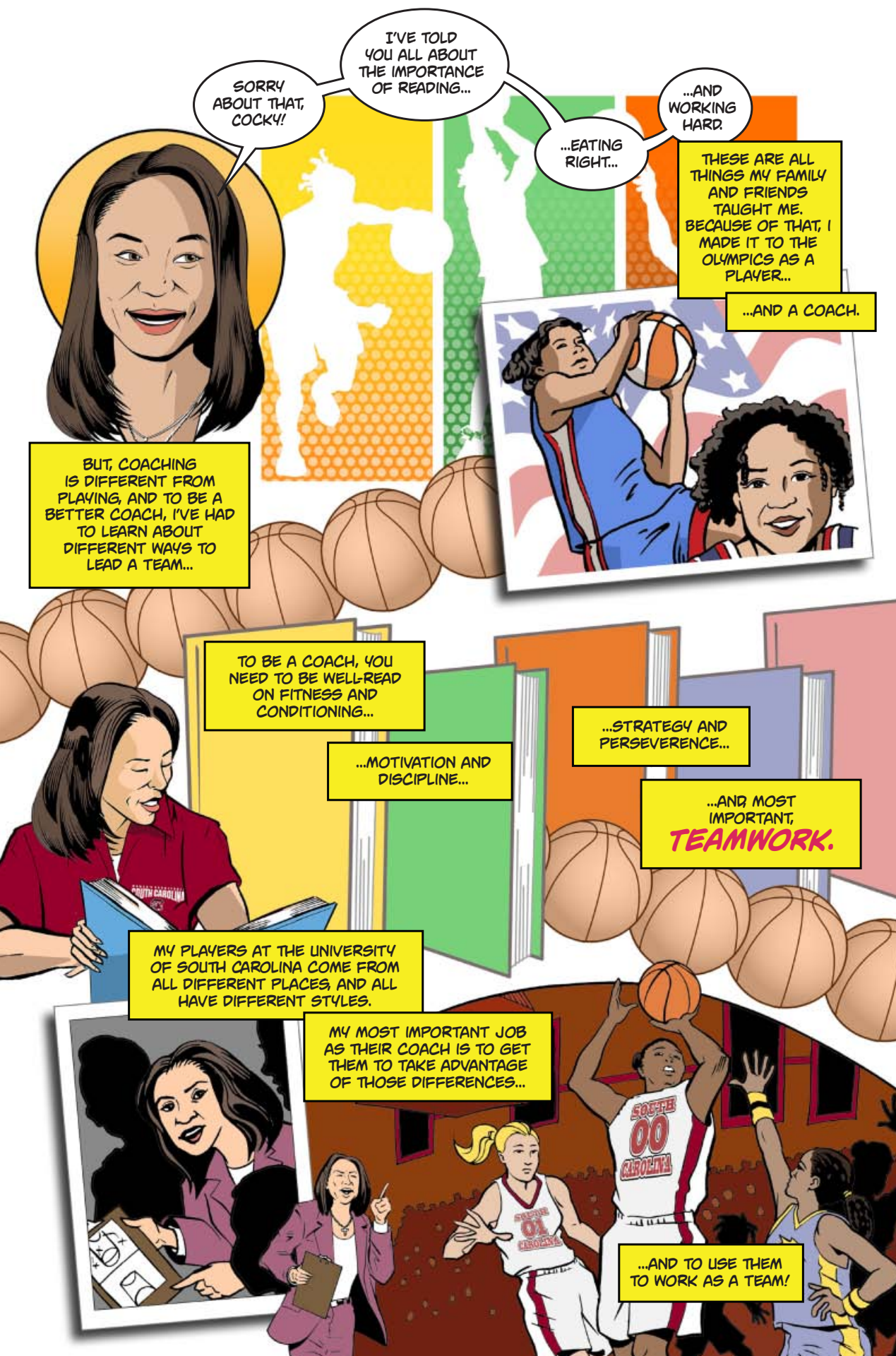
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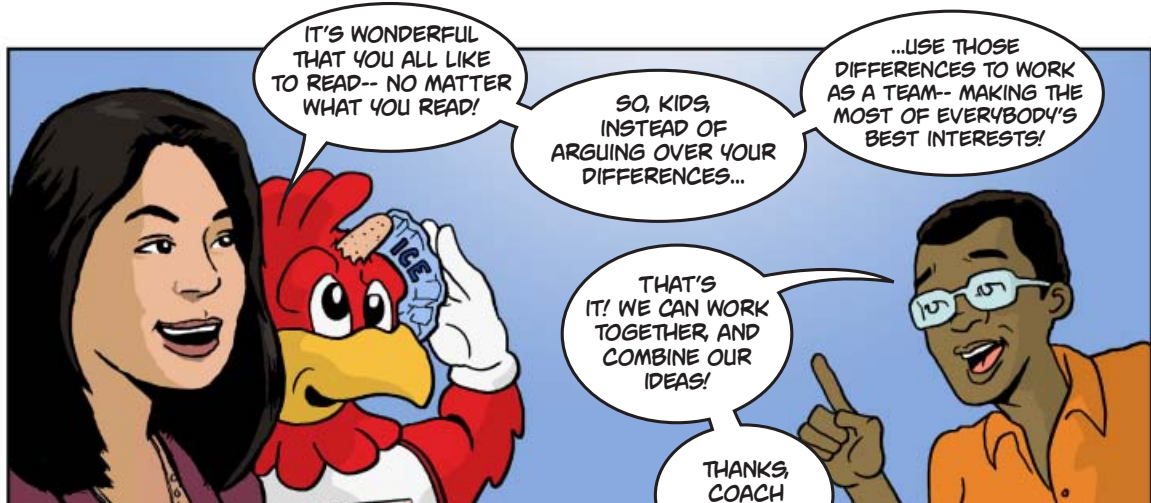
...AND MOST IMPORTANT, **TEAMWORK.**

MY PLAYERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA COME FROM ALL DIFFERENT PLACES, AND ALL HAVE DIFFERENT STYLES.

MY MOST IMPORTANT JOB AS THEIR COACH IS TO GET THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE DIFFERENCES...

...AND TO USE THEM TO WORK AS A TEAM!





## Reading Heroes Brain-Booster

HELLO READERS! NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE A PART OF THE READING HEROES STORY! PUT ON YOUR GAMECOCK THINKING CAPS...

### PART A:

Write down three different books, stories, or articles you have read:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### PART B:

Now, ask a friend, or someone in your family what types of things they like to read, and write two of those things below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### PART C:

Now is the fun part! Pick one item from PART A, and one item from PART B (Try to pick very different items). Try to come up with a story idea combining those two items, for example:

SPORTS + OUTER SPACE = **BASKETBALL GAMES ON THE MOON!**

Now, it's your turn! Remember, there are no wrong answers, or bad ideas! You can do it!

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Your combination idea! Way to go-- you are a reading hero!

A FEW WEEKS LATER,  
AND A HALFTIME  
CELEBRATION IS  
TAKING PLACE AT THE  
UNIVERSITY...

...AND NOT JUST BECAUSE  
THE GAMECOCKS ARE  
WINNING!



**Go Gamecocks!**

WE'RE HERE  
TODAY TO HONOR  
THE WINNERS OF  
THE READING WITH  
COCKY CONTEST!

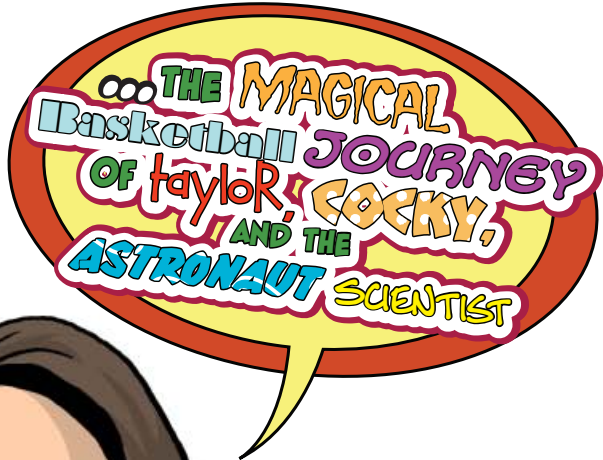
**Hurrah!**

TOGETHER,  
THEY SHARED THEIR  
FAVORITE BOOKS AND  
STORIES WITH EACH  
OTHER...

...THEN  
THEY COMBINED  
THEIR INTERESTS,  
AND WORKED  
TOGETHER...

I'M SURE  
IT WASN'T THE  
EASIEST TASK FOR  
THESE YOUNG  
STUDENTS...

...THEY  
HAVE COME  
UP WITH A VERY  
ORIGINAL STORY,  
BASED ON THEIR  
READING...



WAY  
TO GO,  
KIDS!

AND  
REMEMBER...

...READING  
SPARKS YOUR  
IMAGINATION, TEACHES  
NEW THINGS, AND  
HELPS YOU IN  
MANY DIFFERENT  
WAYS, SO...

**...KEEP  
READING!**

**THE END!**



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONGRATULATES THE...



# READING HEROES

## WINNING READERS!

KIDS ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA WERE ASKED TO READ AS MANY BOOKS AS THEY COULD IN THE FALL OF 2009-- HERE ARE THE WINNING READERS FROM EACH CLASS.



5TH GRADE  
FOSTER PARK ELEMENTARY  
TEDDY WALKER

Teddy Walker is a fifth grade student at Foster Park Elementary school. His favorite book is "The Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan. He loves playing baseball outside of school. The one thing he likes about school is learning new things. His favorite movie is "The Blind Side." When he grows up he wants to be an architect or a pro baseball player. He loves his golden retriever named Blondie. Teddy has two brothers and one sister.



4TH GRADE  
BLUFFTON ELEMENTARY  
ALEXIS TOMLIN

Alexis Tomlin is a fourth grade student at Bluffton Elementary school. She loves to laugh and her favorite comic book is "A Long Way from Chicago." Outside of school she loves playing basketball with her dad, even though he always wins. Her favorite part of the school day is going to Ms. Sparks' classroom because she makes learning fun! Her favorite movie is "A Wonderful Life," a holiday tradition in her family. She dreams of being a doctor or a scientist when she grows up. Alexis has an older brother, twin younger brothers, and a younger sister that is an excellent reader!



### 3RD GRADE BLUFFTON ELEMENTARY HANNAH HOMA

Hannah Homa is a third grade student at Bluffton Elementary School. Her favorite book is "Lauren the Puppy Fairy." The main thing she likes about school is writing. Hannah loves riding her bike outside of school. Her favorite movie is "Hotel for Dogs." Hannah pays close attention to her teacher Mrs. Theiling because she wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Hannah has two sister and one brother.

### 2ND GRADE MEADOWFIELD ELEMENTARY JOHN CROOM



John Croom is a Second grade student at Meadowfield Elementary School. His favorite book is "Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty" by Nick Bruel. His hobbies include hiding out and playing with nature. Both reading and writing are his favorite subjects in school. John plans to be an architect when he grows up. His favorite movie is "The Terminator." John has one sister.



### 1ST GRADE BLUFFTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER HOPE HOMA

Hope Homa is a first grade student at Bluffton Early Childhood Center. Her favorite book is "Hannah Montana." Her favorite part of the school day is recess and outside of school she loves to play tag. Her favorite movie is "Hotel for Dogs." She plans to be a teacher when she grows up. She has two sisters and one brother and she loves going out to eat with her family.

### KINDERGARTEN MEADOWFIELD ELEMENTARY SARAHLYN ROY

Sarahlyn Roy is a Kindergarten student at Meadowfield Elementary School. Of all the books that she has read, her favorite is "Alice the Fairy" by David Shannon. Her favorite part of the school day is recess and outside of school she loves to practice her cheerleading. Her favorite movie is "Tinker Bell." She has dreams of becoming a princess when she grows up. She has two sister and two brothers.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS, AND A HEARTY HIGH FIVE  
TO EVERYONE WHO ENTERED THE CONTEST!

WANT TO BE A READING HERO TO YOUR SCHOOL, AND TO YOURSELF?  
THEN START READING NOW, AND FOREVER-- YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

# COCKY MAZE GAME



**FINISH**

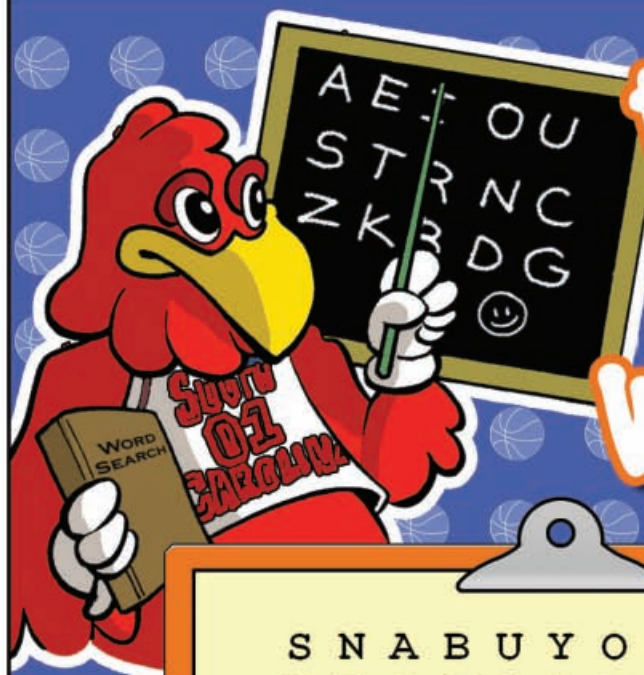


**START**

**HELP COCKY FIND HIS WAY  
THROUGH HIS FAVORITE BOOK!**

*Look for the solution on the back cover!*

# FIND -A- WORD



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HELP COCKY FIND  
THESE WORDS!

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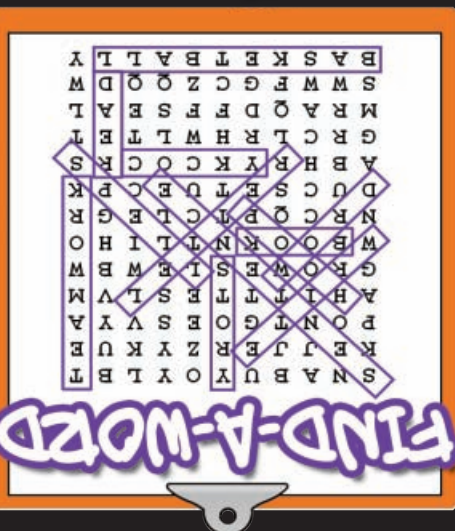
BASKETBALL - BOOK - COCKY - HOOP  
LETTER - READ - SENTENCE - SPELL  
STORY - TEAMWORK - WORD - WRITE

Look for the solution on the back cover!

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**PUZZLE ANSWER ZONE**



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**SOUTH CAROLINA**



**FREE  
ADMISSION**

University of South Carolina  
Women's Basketball

VS.

University of Arkansas

**FEBRUARY 14, 2010  
COLONIAL LIFE ARENA  
3:00 PM**



COME  
JOIN THE  
FUN!

THIS TICKET VOUCHER  
IS VALID FOR ONE CHILD  
AGE 12 AND UNDER AND  
ONE ADULT.

COACH DAWN STALEY