

Name:

Day One

Pat Tillman

Part 1: Silent read

➔ What happened to football star Pat Tillman? Read silently.

Pat Tillman was born in San Jose, California. He played football starting in high school. He was a star linebacker at Arizona State. He was voted the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year. When Pat graduated, the Arizona Cardinals drafted him. He had a great career in the NFL. In 2000, he made an amazing 120 solo tackles. But after September 11, Pat no longer wanted to play football. Instead, he wanted to serve his country. He joined the Army Rangers.

Pat was sent to Afghanistan. In 2004, he was shot dead while on patrol. The military said the enemy had killed Pat. They said Pat was a hero.

But Pat's family asked more questions. They learned that the Army had lied to them. Pat was not killed by enemy fire. He was killed by another patrol of American soldiers. When the soldiers started shooting, Pat shouted out his name. It was dark, with gunfire from different sides. Pat was shot and killed. Pat's family and friends were furious. Pat's friend said, "He was the most famous soldier and he was killed by the military."

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Source: "Getting to the truth of Pat Tillman's Death," *Los Angeles Times*, August 18, 2010.



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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why was Pat Tillman a famous soldier?

How did he die?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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