CONTEXTUALIZATION—INTRODUCTION EVENT CARDS

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| Michael Jordan was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in 1984. | The first professional basketball game took place in Toronto,  Canada, between the Toronto Huskies and the New York  Knickerbockers in 1946. | Game 5 of the 1997 championships was tied until Michael Jordan hit a 3-point shot in the last 26 seconds of the game. | The Chicago Bulls won the NBA championships in 1996. |
| The game of basketball was invented by Canadian physical education teacher James Naismith in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts. | The National Basketball Association (NBA) held its  first NBA Finals championship games in 1947. | Michael Jordan retired from the NBA to play professional baseball in 1993. | A ball game using a rubber ball that was thrown into circular rings attached high on court walls was played in Mesoamerican societies from  c. 100 BCE. |
| The Bulls won Games 1 and 2 and the Jazz won Games 3 and 4 of the  1997 NBA Finals. | The Chicago Bulls won their first “three-peat” NBA championships in 1991, 1992, and 1993,  with Michael Jordan named the first player in history to win the NBA finals MVP award three years in a row. | Michael Jordan returned to the NBA in 1995. | The Chicago Bulls (record of 69-13) played the Utah Jazz (64-  18) in the 1997 NBA championships. |