

BASEBALL

If all you know of the game comes from Ken Burns' PBS special on the subject, you might be surprised to learn that baseball has been played in places other than Boston, New York and the Negro Leagues. Yes, even in Ohio. Of course, we haven't always had the most upstanding citizens wearing our colors ...



Nevertheless, baseball has a proud tradition here in the Queen City, reaching all the way back to the first professional team, the Red Stockings of 1869. The bonus that follows is chock full of baseball trivia for everyone, even some questions for people who might not know a balk from a walk. Play ball!



Oh wait, the national anthem ...

FIRST INNING: THE HALL OF FAME

IDENTIFY THESE HALL-OF-FAMERS

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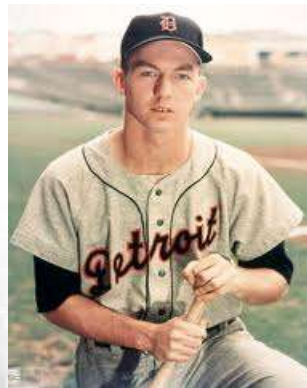
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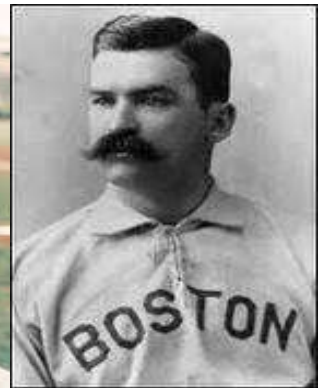
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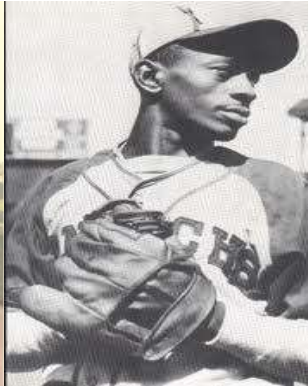
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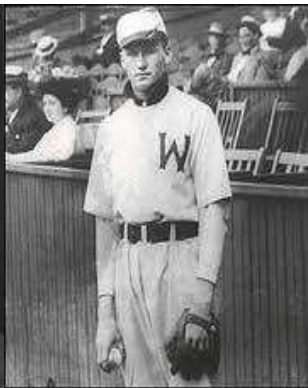
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SECOND INNING: THE ALL-STAR GAME

41. In what year was the first All-Star Game held? In what city and what stadium? Who won? Finally, the first home run in All-Star competition was hit in this game, by whom?
42. 50 years later, the All-Star Game returned to the same city and venue as that first game. What event happened in that game that had never happened in any previous All-Star Game, and has not happened since? Who did it?
43. In the 1934 ASG at the Polo Grounds, Carl Hubbell famously struck out 5 future Hall-of-Famers in a row ... who were those 5 stalwarts?
44. In the 1970 ASG at the newly opened Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati, Pete Rose of the Reds bowled over the AL catcher in scoring the winning run (and incidentally, injured him and derailed his promising career). Who was that unfortunate backstop?
45. In perhaps the most celebrated home run in ASG history, in 1971 at Tiger Stadium, one slugger blasted a mammoth home run off the light standards atop the right field roof. Who was that slugger? What else was unusual about the 1971 game?
46. The ASG game is usually held on Tuesday, but once it was held on the weekend. In what year did this happen and why?
47. What two players, both of whom retired within the last three years, have represented the most different franchises in All-Star play? Hint: at one time, they were teammates on a World Championship team.
48. In the era of fan balloting, only two players have been elected as an All-Star starter as a write-in candidate. Name them. Hint: both happened in the 1970's, and one of the players won the MVP the same year, and the other led the league in batting average.
49. Speaking of fan balloting ... in 1957, fans in Cincinnati stuffed the ballot box, putting 7 Reds in the starting lineup for the NL. However, commissioner Ford Frick overruled the fan vote, and removed two Reds from the lineup. What two Reds were removed, what two Hall-of-Famers took their place, and what other Hall-of-Famer was the only non-Red elected to start?
50. What two African-American pitchers were the youngest and the oldest players to appear in the ASG?

THIRD INNING: NICKNAMES

The left list of nicknames belong to MLB Hall-of-Famers (BIG HINT ... none of these HOFers appear in the picture gallery above!). The right list of nicknames belong to players who are not in the Hall of Fame.

51. The Bambino

52. The Splendid Splinter

53. The Grey Eagle

54. The Meal Ticket

55. Ducky

56. Poosh 'Em Up

57. Big Six

58. The Wizard of Oz

59. The Baby Bull

60. The Fordham Flash

61. The Yankee Clipper

62. The Duke of Tralee

63. Big Poison

64. Little Poison

65. The Peerless Leader

66. Charlie Hustle

67. The Mad Hungarian

68. Big Papi

69. The Apollo of the Box

70. Spaceman

71. The Arkansas Hummingbird

72. The Cobra

73. The Freshest Man on Earth

74. The Penguin

75. Dr. K

76. The Big Hurt

77. The Big Unit

78. Kung Fu Panda

79. The Wild Horse of the Osage

80. The Toy Cannon

FOURTH INNING: FAMILY AFFAIR

Baseball, perhaps more than any other sport, is passed from father to son and played by brothers. Many major leaguers have had fathers, sons and/or brothers also play the game. Answer the questions below about baseball families.

81. Before we get to the real families, which team used the Sister Sledge song “We Are Family” as an anthem (Year and Team Name)? What player on that team was nicknamed “Pops?”
82. In September 1963, history was made when three brothers filled the San Francisco Giants outfield. Who were these three siblings? (First and last names, please).
83. Similarly, in September 1998, the Cincinnati Reds ran out an infield of two sets of brothers. Who were those four guys? (First and last names again).
84. What set of brothers has collected the most career home runs in MLB history? How about pitcher wins for a career?
85. What Hall-of-Famer had 4 brothers who played major league baseball?
86. Robin Yount’s brother Larry had a very unusual major league career ... what was so odd about it?
87. What is the only set of brothers where both brothers are in the Hall-of-Fame (as players)?
88. There is another set of brothers in the Hall-of-Fame ... who are they, and what did they do to deserve the honor?
89. Oh, wait, there’s one more pair ... these guys were stepbrothers. Oddly enough, neither ever played in MLB, yet are in the Hall. Who are they?
90. Two father-son combos were MLB teammates ... name them.
91. On the dark side, only one father-son combo in MLB history have umpired the same game ... name them.
92. Former Houston Astros utility man Casey Candaele has an unusual family connection to professional baseball ... what is it?
93. The father of what current Baltimore Oriole played professionally in Japan, but never in Major League Baseball?
94. Everybody knows Joe DiMaggio, even Simon & Garfunkel. Who are his two brothers, who were both All-Stars in their own right?
95. Who are the only brothers to both win the Cy Young Award?

FIFTH INNING: MANAGERS

Identify these current major league managers from pictures of them as players.

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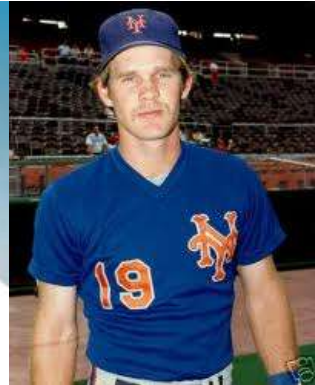
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108. Many great managers had less-than-stellar major league careers (or no major league career at all) as players. What HOF manager got a single at bat in the big show, and struck out?
109. Bill Virdon, when managing the Yankees, accomplished a feat that no Yankee manager had done since Wild Bill Donovan, who managed the team from 1915-1917. What was this “accomplishment”?
110. What iconoclastic owner, in the midst of a 101-loss season, decided that he could do better than the manager, so he took the reins himself for one game, only to fire himself (as manager) after that game?
111. What manager holds the record for being ejected from the most games? Whose record did he break?
112. Two sets of brothers were both major league players and major league managers ... one was the answer to question 88. Who are the other set?

SIXTH INNING: VOICES OF THE GAME

Identify the team that these prominent broadcasters predominantly worked for.

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| 113. Harry Kalas | 119. Herb Carneal |
| 114. Ernie Harwell | 120. Bob Uecker |
| 115. Marty Brennaman | 121. Bob Prince |
| 116. Jack Buck | 122. Mel Allen |
| 117. Vin Scully | 123. Denny Matthews |
| 118. Dave Niehaus | 124. Russ Hodges |
125. What award did all of these men win?
126. Harry Carey also won this award, but split his time among three teams. Name them.
127. Who was the public-address announcer for the New York Yankees from 1951-2007?

SEVENTH INNING: FAMOUS LINKS

Certain individuals throughout the game's long history have become inextricably linked to someone else, either due to a shared accomplishment, or some significant incident. Identify the unusual links between the following people.

128. Don Larsen & Roy Halladay

132. Mike Kekich & Fritz Petersen

129. Rod Carew & Ginger Beaumont

133. Fred Toney & Hippo Vaughn

130. Jackie Robinson & Larry Doby

134. Manny Sanguillen & Chuck Tanner

131. Cliff Heathcote & Max Flack

135. Wally Pipp & Babe Dahlgren

Each of the following pitchers gave up a much-celebrated home run. Who hit each of these colossal clouts, and what is the circumstance behind each that made the homer famous?

136. Tom Zachary

141. Tracy Stallard

146. Tom Neidenfuer

137. Charlie Root

142. Al Downing

147. Donnie Moore

138. Mace Brown

143. Pat Darcy

148. Dennis Eckersley

139. Ralph Branca

144. Mike Torrez

149. Mitch Williams

140. Ralph Terry

145. Goose Gossage

150. Armando Benitez

Here are a few other questions about baseball links ...

151. In 1982, Joel Youngblood was traded from the Mets to the Expos. He played in two games that day, one for each team, in different cities, and had a hit in each. Even more amazing, those hits came off Hall-of-Fame pitchers! Who were they?

152. "The Chief", Cesar Geronimo, is best remembered for patrolling center field for the Big Red Machine. However, he also has the dubious distinction of being the 3,000th strikeout victim of two different Hall-of-Fame pitchers (and also different from the two in the previous question!). What two men hung the Chief's scalp on their wall?

153. One person was in uniform and present for both Roger Maris' 61st home run in 1961 and Hank Aaron's 715th home run in 1974, surpassing Babe Ruth's long-standing records. Who was this individual?

EIGHTH INNING: BASEBALL IN POP CULTURE

Beyond the games themselves, baseball reaches deep into the cultural psyche of America. It has been depicted in literature, poetry, song, film and television.

Please answer the following questions about baseball in media.

154. In the poem, "Casey at the Bat", what team does Casey play for? What runners are on base when Casey comes to the plate? Who wrote the poem? What actor became famous for his recitals of the poem on stage?
155. The most famous routine of the comedy team of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello is undeniably "Who's on First?" Name the players at each position. In the most famous rendition to most viewers (from the film "The Naughty Nineties"), what team is Abbott the manager for?
156. What is the name of the SNL character, played by Garrett Morris, who says, "Baseball has been berry, berry good to me!" What team did he play for?
157. In his famous Sports routine, what three changes would George Carlin make to baseball rules to improve the game? Besides baseball, what are the only other sports, according to Carlin?
158. What author, whose works form the basis of the musical "Guys and Dolls", served as the beat writer covering the New York Giants from 1911-1920?
159. In "The Great American Novel" by Philip Roth, what is the name of the team that plays all its games on the road because they sold their stadium to the War Department in 1943? What is the name of the league that is unknown to history due to a Communist plot? From what source did Roth derive many of the players' names?
160. What is the name of the novel on which the film "Field of Dreams" is based?
161. In the Robert Coover novel, "The Universal Baseball Association, Inc., J. Henry Waugh, Prop.", what exactly is the Universal Baseball Association? Who is the young pitching phenom whose death on the field causes everything to spiral out of control?

What team does the main character(s) primarily play for/manage in the following films:

162. The Natural

168. Mr. 3000

163. Major League

169. Mr. Baseball

164. Eight Men Out

170. Damn Yankees

165. Bang the Drum Slowly

171. The Kid from Left Field (1979)

166. Rookie of the Year

172. A League of Their Own

167. For Love of the Game

173. The Bad News Bears (they're the Bears, duh! ... give the team sponsor)

From the episode synopsis below, identify the television series.

174. The daughter takes over as manager of her brother's baseball team and uses statistical analysis to build a winner, but she takes all of the fun out of it and causes him to quit the team.

175. While teaching his son how to hit in the park, the main character manages to hit Leo Durocher in the head. Durocher offers him a contract to play for his team. However, the dream ends when the other players refuse to play with him due to his appearance.

176. The main character and his son go golfing with Leo Durocher, manager of the Dodgers, who wants to recruit the son as a pitcher when he sees how well he can throw.
(editor's note: Leo Durocher sure had some odd scouting practices ...)

177. The main character loans out his good luck charm to a slumping Red Sox pitcher. The pitcher immediately goes on a winning streak, but the main character begins experiencing a series of accidents.

178. Roger McDowell is confirmed as "the second spitter behind the bushes over by that gravelly road."

179. Crooks needing cash to swing an arms deal bet heavily on a baseball game and beat up the star of the team they bet against. The main character uses his powers as a pitcher to make sure they win and the gamblers lose their money.

180. A visiting captain challenges the main character to a game of baseball.

181. After a visit from Don Drysdale, one of the boys lets his obsession with becoming a Major League Baseball pitcher get to his head. But he eventually learns the hard way that he's not the star he thinks he is.

182. When Major League Baseball goes on a strike, NO MA'AM organizes their own league sponsored by nude bars.

183. The main character is so shattered when he discovers that the autographed Mickey Mantle baseball his father gave him as a child is a fake, he wants to tell his daughter that there is no Santa Claus.

NINTH INNING: NAMES & LOCATIONS

We're in the home stretch now! Here are some questions about the places where baseball history is made. First, identify the following ballparks (184-187 historical, 188-191 current):

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What current team has been known at various times as the following:

192. Naps/Blues/Bronchos

193. Robins/Superbas/Bridegrooms

194. Bees/Rustlers/Doves/Beaneaters

195. Quakers/Blue Jays

196. Orphans/Colts

197. Colt 45's

198. Perfectos

199. What team played in “The Palace of the Fans”?

200. What team at one time played weekday games in cozy League Park, and moved on weekends to the spacious Municipal Stadium?

201. Boston hosted back-to-back World Series in 1914 and 1915, as the Braves went in 1914 and the Red Sox in 1915. That wasn't what was especially notable ... what was odd about the venues in those two World Series?

202. Johnny Vander Meer of the Reds tossed back-to-back no-hitters in 1938, the only player ever to have done so. The second of these came in Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. Besides the historical pitching performance, why else was that game special in the history of baseball at Ebbets?

203. Three current major league franchises have spent time with Milwaukee as their home base. Name the current names of these teams.

Wait, I almost forgot ... no baseball quiz would be complete without this guy ...



... despite the fact that he has little (or probably nothing) to do with baseball, and probably never even played it.

204. Who is he, and why is he important to this quiz?

205. As you can tell from the picture, he was a soldier ... what town did he live in before leaving for West Point?

206. He was a major player at two actual historical events ... name them.