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Three Strikes and You're Out!

The World Series

Hook & Inspire! Connections to Today

Ignite students' interest by sharing these resources, which demonstrate connections between the past and present. Please be sure to preview all resources.

The World Series

Baseball is an American tradition that introduced us to peanuts, crackerjacks, hot dogs, and a long list of superstitions! This famous sport gave inspiration to many around the globe, especially during hard times. Baseball gave individuals like Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, and Lou Gehrig a place in the Baseball Hall of Fame. The sport also broke racial barriers and showed the skills of Jackie Robinson, Willie Mays, and Don Newcombe, to name a few. Although many individuals found their place in the Baseball Hall of Fame from playing in the World Series, a smelly billy goat started a season of losing streaks for some teams. The World Series has a long history of rivalries, excellent food, and has introduced some of the most amazing athletes of all time.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1). What makes the World Series better than a traditional baseball game?

Student answers may vary depending on the level of knowledge concerning the sport. The World Series is the culmination of all baseball games, resulting in a game of the top two teams in the sport. Many individuals watch or go to each game until the last game at the World Series.

2). In 1956 Don Larsen pitched a perfect game. What is a perfect game in baseball? Can you describe the characteristics of a perfect game?

Student answers may vary depending on the level of knowledge concerning the sport. A perfect game is a baseball game in which not a single player on the opposing team gets on a base. Don Larsen was the first pitcher to do this, which is a monumental thing to do in baseball. This means that there are no walks and no hits during the game.

3). What is the difference between the American League of Baseball and the National League?

Student answers may vary depending on the level of knowledge concerning the sport. There are just two different leagues or groups. Teams play each other within their league. They also play games during the season against teams in the opposite league. Eventually the final two teams will play to determine the yearly winner.

4). The Little League also has a World Series. Have there been any famous baseball teams or individuals come out of this league?

Student answers may vary depending on the level of knowledge concerning the sport. Cody Bellinger played in the Little League before heading to the World Series in 2020. Michael Conforto also played in the Little League and later played in a World Series game. This website gives an impressive list and includes some pro athletes from other sports. <https://www.sportingnews.com/us/mlb/news/little-league-world-series-famous-players/y7g5fnb5haxx1foaplr8q0ph7>

5). Who was Babe Ruth and why is he so important to the world of baseball?

Student answers may vary depending on the level of knowledge concerning the sport. Babe Ruth was a legendary baseball player. He played in seven World Series games, his team winning all seven. Babe Ruth helped the Yankees establish themselves as a baseball team as well.

Share the online resources below with your class to stimulate discussion on these questions. Be sure to preview the clips before showing or sharing them in class to ensure the content is appropriate for your students.

LINKS TO RESOURCES

Videos

- 1). [Final Plays from the World Series from 1990-2020](#); This video shows every final play of the World Series.
- 2). [MLB Bloopers and Oddities \(Crazy Moments\)](#); This video shows blooper moments from the MLB. Super funny!
- 3). [History of the World Series: Every World Series Result \(1903-2017\)](#); This video goes over baseball stats from 1993-2017.
- 4). [Craziest Endings In Baseball History!](#); This video shows some crazy endings in baseball.
- 5). [Baseball First NL Grand Slam in World Series \(History's Playlist\)-Sports](#); This video shows the first grand slam in World Series history.

Media

- 1). [BASEBALL WORLD SERIES | Encyclopedia of Cleveland History](#); This website gives a listing of games within the history of the World Series.
- 2). [15 sports stars who played in the Little League World Series before they became famous](#); This website includes a list of Little League players that later made it big at the World Series.
- 3). [Babe Ruth | Official Site](#); This website contains information about the life and career of Babe Ruth.
- 4). [The Official Mickey Mantle website](#); This website contains information about the life and career of Mickey Mantle.
- 5). [Men's College World Series DI Baseball Championship](#); This website contains information about the College World Series.
- 6). [Baseball's Official Historian Explains The Origins Of Our National Pastime](#); Learn about the history of baseball from its origins post origins following the Civil War.

Websites

- 1). [World Series | History, Winners, & Facts](#); This website gives a brief history of the World Series.
- 2). [MLB World Series - A History of the World Series](#); This website gives facts about the World Series and a list of games with score points.
- 3). [The 11 Most Memorable MLB World Series Wins](#); TThis website gives details concerning the most memorable wins in the game.
- 4). [7 Things you might not know about the World Series](#); This website gives a top 7 list of things people may not realize about the World Series.
- 5). [MLB Most Valuable Player MVP Award Winners](#); This is a list of MVP awards for baseball.
- 6). [Thoroughly Worthwhile: Baseball in World War II - Friends of the National WWII Memorial](#); This website examines baseball during World War II.
- 7). [The History of Baseball and Civil Rights in America](#); See the intersection between baseball and the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.

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