

Baseball Trivia



Multiple Choice Questions:

1. Which of these types of food is a baseball slang term for an easy catch pop fly?
 - a) Rhubarb
 - b) Cheese Stick
 - c) Meatball Sub
 - d) Can of Corn
2. British Baseball features how many innings?
 - a) Nine
 - b) Two
 - c) Twelve
 - d) Five
3. In what year was the first game of baseball played in the New World?
 - a) 1838
 - b) 1784
 - c) 1902
 - d) 1895
4. Which professional player had the best career batting average in MLB history?
 - a) Joe Jackson
 - b) Ty Cobb
 - c) Rogers Hornsby
 - d) Tris Speakers
5. Who was the first National League President?
 - a) Morgan Bulkeley
 - b) William White
 - c) B. Bancroft Johnson
 - d) Bowie Kent Kuhn

6. Which MLB team has hit the most home runs in a single game?
- a) Cincinnati Reds
 - b) New York Yankees
 - c) Toronto Blue Jays
 - d) Oakland Athletics
7. In what year was the catcher's mask invented?
- a) 1985
 - b) 1935
 - c) 1875
 - d) 1850
8. Which item was not commonly used as the center of baseballs in the mid-1800's?
- a) Apple
 - b) Fish eye
 - c) Walnut
 - d) Rock
9. Players in which position were the first to wear baseball gloves?
- a) Pitcher
 - b) Catcher
 - c) First Baseman
 - d) Third Baseman
10. In what year was the term base-ball first used?
- a) 1744
 - b) 1456
 - c) 1835
 - d) 1689

True or False Questions:

1. A player who strikes out three times in a game is said to earn the “golden sombrero.”
2. Baseball was the first professional sport in the U.S.
3. Ty Cobb had the highest batting average of any player in a single season.
4. Only two MLB players have ever won the Triple Crown honor twice.
5. There have been more than 350 sets of brothers who’ve made it to the Majors.
6. The center of a baseball was typically made with rubber into the late 1900’s.
7. The first baseball cards invented were meant as collector’s items for kids.
8. Second base is the most stolen base during a game of baseball.
9. Hot dogs are the most popular food served at ballparks in the U.S.
10. In professional baseball, players have always worn a uniform to match their teammates.

Open-Ended Questions:

1. How many runs does a team need to score in one inning to “hang a snowman?”
2. To which country did U.S. players first try exporting baseball as a professional sport?
3. In Major League Baseball history who has scored the most runs?
4. Who was the first player to earn the Triple Crown title?
5. Name the only father-son duo in MLB history to play on the same team during the same year.
6. What is the most notable difference between the game called Rounders and Baseball?
7. What is the name of the company who first included baseball cards with gum for kids?
8. How long was the longest MLB game played before being called off?
9. Which professional player’s baseball card is the most valuable?
10. Which team won the first World series in Baseball?

Baseball Trivia Answers

Multiple Choice Answers:

1. d) A “Can of Corn” is the term used for this type of hit.
2. b) British Baseball only plays two innings where every person on each team gets one chance to bat per inning.
3. a) It was played in 1838 in Ontario, Canada according to the WBSC.
4. b) Ty Cobb’s career batting average was .366.
5. a) Morgan Bulkeley served as the first president and only served for one year in 1876 says ESPN.
6. c) The Blue Jays hit ten in one game in 1987.
7. c) Fred Thayer invented it in 1875 according to the Baseball Almanac.
8. a) Rocks, walnuts, fish eyes and other small rounded objects were wrapped in yarn then a piece of leather.
9. b) Catchers wore them first but 1st baseman started using them not long after.
10. b) In 1744 the term appeared in a children’s book called A Little Pretty Pocket-Book by John Newberry according to Encyclopedia Britannica.

True or False Answers:

1. False. The term is used when a player strikes out four times in a game.
2. True.
3. False. The leader is Nap Lajoie with an average of .426 in 1901.
4. True. Rogers Hornsby won the title in 1922 and 1925 and Ted Williams earned it in 1942 and 1947.
5. True. 25 National Baseball Hall of Famers had a brother in the majors.
6. False. In 1910 they started making the center of balls from cork.
7. False. Tobacco companies produced the first baseball cards in their line of product inserts featuring famous people geared toward adults.
8. True.
9. True. Fans ate more than 21 million in 2014.
10. False. In 1882 they wore the color that fit their position, not their team

Open-Ended Answers:

1. Eight, because it looks like the shape of a snowman.
2. Cuba. Esteban Bellan took the game there in 1878.
3. Barry Bonds with 762.
4. Paul Hines in 1878.
5. Tim Raines and Tim Raines, Jr. played on the 2001 Baltimore Orioles Team.
6. In Rounders, the ball was thrown directly at a player to make him out, but in baseball a player had to be tagged by the ball held by another player.
7. Goudey Gum Company was the first in the 1930's.
8. The Chicago White Sox and Milwaukee Brewers played more than 8 hours in 1984.
9. The 1909 Honus Wagner T206 baseball card is the most valuable with a value of about \$2.8 million.
10. The Boston Americans won it in 1903.

