

## Quick Check

## American Sports Legends

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following words describes Jesse Owens?
  - Ⓐ courageous
  - Ⓑ angry
  - Ⓒ proud
  - Ⓓ shy
2. What was the effect of Babe being diagnosed with cancer in 1953?
  - Ⓐ She was too sick to continue with sports.
  - Ⓑ She was back on the pro tour in four months.
  - Ⓒ She returned to sports but collapsed on the field.
  - Ⓓ She recovered for several years and then returned to sports.
3. What does the word **revolutionize** mean?
  - Ⓐ to treat a person or group of people different because of race or gender
  - Ⓑ to cause a disagreement
  - Ⓒ to make enormous changes
  - Ⓓ to make something very hard or challenging
4. What was the author's purpose for writing *American Sports Legends*?
  - Ⓐ to persuade the reader to become a great athlete
  - Ⓑ to entertain the reader with stories about incredible moments in the history of sports
  - Ⓒ to inform the reader about athletes who helped to change the history of sports
  - Ⓓ to inform the reader about the history of discrimination in the United States

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5. How did Jackie Robinson forever alter Major League Baseball?
  - Ⓐ He was the best African American pitcher in the history of the league.
  - Ⓑ He was the first African American player in the Major Leagues.
  - Ⓒ He worked for equal pay for African American players.
  - Ⓓ He set a record for the most homeruns hit by an African American player.
6. Which of the following happened after Jim Thorpe began playing professional baseball?
  - Ⓐ He was the president of the American Football Association.
  - Ⓑ He was a very well-known college football player.
  - Ⓒ He won four or five events in the pentathlon in the Summer Olympics.
  - Ⓓ He joined the Canton Bulldogs and played professional football.
7. What does the author most want you to know about Jim Thorpe?
  - Ⓐ He was the first Native American professional athlete.
  - Ⓑ He is the founding father of professional football.
  - Ⓒ He portrayed Native Americans in films in his later years.
  - Ⓓ He was the greatest athlete of the twentieth century.
8. What similarities do all the athletes in the book share?
  - Ⓐ They were all excellent at golf.
  - Ⓑ They all participated on professional teams.
  - Ⓒ They all had fans boo and insult them.
  - Ⓓ They all showed great strength and follow-through.
9. Something that is *usable in many different ways* is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ versatile
  - Ⓑ integrated
  - Ⓒ inscribed
  - Ⓓ intimidating

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10. How did Babe Didrikson blaze a path for future female athletes?

- Ⓐ She dominated women's basketball, track and field, and golf.
- Ⓑ She created a women's professional track team.
- Ⓒ She played on a men's baseball team.
- Ⓓ She spoke to young girls to inspire them.

11. **Extended Response:** What commonalities do the athletes profiled in the book share?

12. **Extended Response:** How was Jesse Owens received when he returned to the United States after the Olympics?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of Biography

1. Ⓐ *Elements of Biography*
2. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓑ *Elements of Biography*
6. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓓ *Author's Point of View*
8. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓐ *Elements of Biography*
11. Answers will vary but should express that each athlete showed tremendous physical strength, courage, and determination.
12. Answers will vary but students should include the following:  
*Jesse Owens was received with parades and admiration; however, he did not get product endorsements or appearance contracts because he was a black athlete. His fame produced little income or stability for his family.*