

Quick Check

A Big League for Little Players

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

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| <p>1. Why did Carl Stotz start an organized baseball league for children?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ He wanted to give his nephews the chance to play baseball. Ⓑ He wanted to give all young boys the chance to play baseball. Ⓒ He didn't like the other leagues. Ⓓ all of the above <p>2. Which teams played in the 2006 championship Little League World Series game?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Columbus, Georgia, and Kawaguchi City, Japan Ⓑ Maynard Midgets and Loch Haven Little League Ⓒ Oregon and Mexico Ⓓ Matsumoto and Georgia | <p>3. Which baseball league was organized first?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Little League Ⓑ International League Ⓒ American League Ⓓ Big League <p>4. Why is "A Big League for Little Players" a good title for this book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Children must be over 5 feet tall to play. Ⓑ The league has millions of players. Ⓒ All games are played in professional stadiums. Ⓓ Children must be younger than 7 years of age to play. |
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5. How did teams earn the right to play in the Little League World Series?
 - Ⓐ They won many tournaments.
 - Ⓑ They turned 11 years old at the right time.
 - Ⓒ They had a manager and coaches who only wanted to win.
 - Ⓓ all of the above
6. How did the Georgia players who won the World Series in 2006 show **sportsmanship**?
 - Ⓐ They won the World Series championship.
 - Ⓑ They practiced more than any other team.
 - Ⓒ They invited the Japanese players to join them in a victory lap of the stadium.
 - Ⓓ They showed that the undefeated Japanese team could lose a game.
7. What is a **tournament**?
 - Ⓐ a type of baseball game
 - Ⓑ a series of games that determine a final champion
 - Ⓒ a series of games that have no winners
 - Ⓓ a type of Little League team
8. Which is the best definition of **competitors**?
 - Ⓐ teams that play against each other
 - Ⓑ players who are on the same team
 - Ⓒ teams that win tournaments
 - Ⓓ players who practice a lot
9. When did baseball start to become popular in the United States?
 - Ⓐ when the Boston Americans won the World Series
 - Ⓑ during the Civil War
 - Ⓒ during the first Little League World Series
 - Ⓓ when the teams started naming themselves Jumbo Pretzel

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10. Why did the author start the book with scenes from the 2006 Little League World Series?

- Ⓐ to grab the reader's attention
- Ⓑ to tell the reader that Little League is still popular
- Ⓒ to persuade the reader that baseball is the greatest game
- Ⓓ to tell about the game

11. **Extended Response:** Why might a young baseball player be excited to play in the Little League World Series championship game?

12. **Extended Response:** Describe a memorial you might make for Carl Stotz, including where it would be, what it would look like, and what it would say about him. Use details from the text to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Ideas and Details

1. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓒ Sequence Events
4. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓑ Vocabulary
8. Ⓐ Vocabulary
9. Ⓑ Sequence Events
10. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
11. Answers will vary, but should include one of the following ideas: *Players get the chance to represent their country, they have practiced for months and it's paying off, the games are on national TV, they are on one of the two top teams in the world.*
12. Answers will vary.