

## Quick Check

## American Sports Legends

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

1. How did Babe Didrikson blaze a path for women 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.
2. Which of the following details from the book describes how Babe Didrikson was different from most women of her time?
  - Ⓐ She wore pants instead of dresses.
  - Ⓑ She did not wear make-up.
  - Ⓒ She wore her hair short.
  - Ⓓ She was a serious, rough-and-tumble competitor.
3. What was the author's purpose for writing *American Sports Legends*?
  - Ⓐ to convince the reader to pursue sports
  - Ⓑ to entertain the reader with stories about important 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
4. Which of the following words means *motivation that helps you work toward a difficult goal*?
  - Ⓐ determination
  - Ⓑ discrimination
  - Ⓒ ordeal
  - Ⓓ tribute

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| <p>5. What was the effect of Jackie Robinson being accepted into the Major Leagues?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ He was welcomed with a ceremony and a trophy.</li> <li>Ⓑ Fans and other players booed and insulted him.</li> <li>Ⓒ People refused to go to baseball games to see him play.</li> <li>Ⓓ Other players supported him even when the fans booed.</li> </ul> <p>6. Which of the following words best describes Jesse Owens?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ courageous</li> <li>Ⓑ angry</li> <li>Ⓒ proud</li> <li>Ⓓ shy</li> </ul> | <p>7. What does the author most want you to know about Jim Thorpe?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ He was the first Native American professional athlete.</li> <li>Ⓑ He is the founding father of professional football.</li> <li>Ⓒ He portrayed Native Americans in films in his later years.</li> <li>Ⓓ He was the greatest athlete of the twentieth century.</li> </ul> <p>8. <i>To succeed in doing something</i> is to _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ discriminate</li> <li>Ⓑ integrate</li> <li>Ⓒ achieve</li> <li>Ⓓ distinguish</li> </ul> |
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9. What was Jackie Robinson most famous for?

- Ⓐ During his rookie year, he batted .297.
- Ⓑ He was the first African American to play in the Major Leagues.
- Ⓒ He could steal bases better than most players.
- Ⓓ He was the highest-paid player on the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1950.

10. Which of the following happened in 1912?

- Ⓐ Jim Thorpe became the president of the American Football Association.
- Ⓑ Jim Thorpe started playing professional baseball.
- Ⓒ Jim Thorpe became a famous college football star.
- Ⓓ Jim Thorpe went to the Summer Olympics.

11. **Extended Response:** Why is one section of the book titled "No Game She Can't Play"?

12. **Extended Response:** What do all of the American sports legends have in common? Use details from the text to support your response.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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*Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of Biography*

1. Ⓐ *Elements of Biography*
2. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓐ *Elements of Biography*
7. Ⓓ *Author's Point of View*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓑ *Elements of Biography*
10. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
11. Answers will vary but should explain that Babe Didrikson played many sports including basketball, track and field, and golf. Babe was excellent at every sport she tried and was said to be able to play any game.
12. Answers will vary, but students should note that each athlete was hard-working, courageous, and determined, and changed the history of their sport.