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

1. What is the most likely reason the author wrote *The Wonderful World Series*?
  - Ⓐ to entertain the reader with stories about the famous baseball player Babe Ruth
  - Ⓑ to inform the reader about the 2013 World Series
  - Ⓒ to persuade the reader to support his or her local baseball team
  - Ⓓ to inform the reader about the history of the World Series
2. Which of the following events happened first?
  - Ⓐ The Boston Americans and Pittsburgh Pirates played in the first World Series.
  - Ⓑ The National League of professional teams was created.
  - Ⓒ Pitcher Christy Mathewson threw three shutouts in six days.
  - Ⓓ The American League was created.
3. Which of the following supports the idea that reaching the World Series is “a long hard trip.”
  - Ⓐ Two games of the World Series are played at the home stadium of one team.
  - Ⓑ In 1904, the best-of-seven World Series became an official event.
  - Ⓒ Each team must play 162 games in the regular season.
  - Ⓓ In the early 1900s, there were no playoff games.

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4. How is baseball different today than it was in the mid-nineteenth century?
  - Ⓐ Back then, amateurs played the game. Now, professionals play for money.
  - Ⓑ In the mid-nineteenth century, there were only five innings, and today there are nine innings.
  - Ⓒ In the mid-nineteenth century, no one played baseball, and today it is a popular sport.
  - Ⓓ There is no difference.
5. What was the effect of Babe Ruth's famous home run in the fifth inning against the Cubs?
  - Ⓐ The crowd went silent.
  - Ⓑ The crowd booed and threw things at him.
  - Ⓒ The crowd cheered wildly.
  - Ⓓ The crowd stood up and left the stadium.
6. Some of baseball's most memorable \_\_\_\_\_ have happened during the World Series.
  - Ⓐ wild cards
  - Ⓑ feats
  - Ⓒ disasters
  - Ⓓ injuries
7. Which of the following details supports the idea that Toronto Blue Jay Joe Carter was the hero of the 1993 World Series?
  - Ⓐ He threw the winning strike in the bottom of the ninth inning.
  - Ⓑ He took over for a pitcher who was injured during the game.
  - Ⓒ He hit the winning home run in the bottom of the ninth inning.
  - Ⓓ He stayed for hours after the game to sign autographs for fans.

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8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the high point of the Major League Baseball season.
  - Ⓐ The Playoffs
  - Ⓑ The World Series
  - Ⓒ The Wild Card
  - Ⓓ The National League
9. In 1903, a team that went to the World Series first had to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ have their team's name drawn from a hat
  - Ⓑ win two divisions series
  - Ⓒ win the wild card playoffs
  - Ⓓ have the best season record
10. Why was Reggie Jackson nicknamed "Mr. October"?
  - Ⓐ He made an unbelievable catch in the outfield during the World Series.
  - Ⓑ He struck out each time he was up during the World Series.
  - Ⓒ His birthday was in the month of October during the World Series.
  - Ⓓ He hit three home runs in a single World Series game.
11. **Extended Response:** How did the public's attention on the World Series inspire the players? Use details from the text to support your response.
12. **Extended Response:** Why did the World Series become the most talked-about, reported-on, and eagerly awaited sporting event in the United States? Use details from the text to support your response.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Wonderful World Series

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
2. Ⓑ Sequence Events
3. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓐ Compare and Contrast
5. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓑ Vocabulary
7. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓑ Vocabulary
9. Ⓓ Sequence Events
10. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
11. Students' responses will vary, but they should mention that many remarkable feats in the game of baseball have taken place during the World Series and that players use this history to inspire their own performance. Additionally, the World Series gives the players something to work toward and focus their energy on.
12. Students should cite details from page 12 of the text including the following: *Back then, football was mostly a college game. Basketball, invented only a few years earlier, was decades away from becoming a professional sport. Hockey and soccer, popular in other countries, were not well known in the United States.*