

National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

Reading Passage

More than 350,000 fans visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum located in Cooperstown, New York, every year. The museum, established in 1939 is located in the very town where Abner Doubleday was said to have designed the game, approximately 100 years prior.

Great baseball players, such as Babe Ruth and Ted William's, are honored in life size woodcarvings in the Hall of Fame Gallery. The Cooperstown Room traces the history and development of baseball. Displays of women in baseball, the All Star Game, and world tours can be found on the museums second floor.

A newly constructed wing houses a 200-seat movie theatre and interactive exhibits that make the trip, from anywhere, worthwhile!



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Worksheet

Directions: Circle the correct answer to each question. Base your answers on the paragraph above.

1. Where is the National Baseball Hall of Fame located?

- A. New Mexico
- B. New Jersey
- C. New York
- D. Canada

2. Who designed the game of baseball?

- A. Abner Doubleday
- B. Derek Jeter
- C. Babe Ruth
- D. Ted Williams

3. What floor can displays of women in baseball be found on?

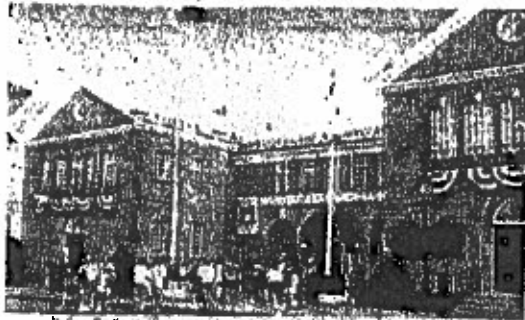
- A. first floor
- B. third floor
- C. second floor
- D. fourth floor

4. How many seats are in the new movie theatre?

- A. 2000
- B. 200
- C. 300
- D. 30

5. The game of baseball was designed in about or around this year.

- A. 1739
- B. 1839
- C. 1939
- D. 1639



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Directions: Answer the following questions, in complete sentences, using details from the story.

1. Who is given credit for devising the game of baseball?

2. What is located in Cooperstown, New York?

3. What can be learned from visiting the Cooperstown Room?

4. Who are the two baseball players referred to in the story? What are they considered to be?

Name: _____

Serena Williams Article Questions

1. What sport does Serena play? _____
2. What date was she born? _____
3. What year did Serena turn pro? _____
4. What is her sister's name? _____
5. In 1991 Serena and her family moved to Florida. True False
6. How old was she when she started playing tennis?
A. 10 years old B. 5 years old C. 3 years old
7. How many Olympic gold medals has she won?
A. 1 B. 2 C. 3
8. In 1995 she signed (inked) a \$12 million deal with what shoe company?

9. What magazine selected her as one of its Most Intriguing People?

10. In 2003, Serena's sister Yetunde Price was murdered in L.A. True False
11. What year did doctors find a blood clot in Serena's lung?
A. 2000 B. 2011 C. 2014
12. Serena now lives in Palm Beach
A. Maryland B. Delaware C. Florida



Serena Williams Tennis Player, Athlete (1981–)

Born on September 26, 1981 in Saginaw, Michigan, Serena Williams began playing tennis at an early age, enduring daily two-hour practices with her father at age three. In 1995, Serena turned pro, and, along with her sister Venus, enjoyed a run of high-profile victories. At the 2012 Summer Olympic Games, she won two gold medals, in women's doubles and women's singles—her first singles gold medal.

The fact that the family had relocated to Compton was no accident. With its high rate of gang activity, Richard Williams wanted to expose his daughters to the ugly possibilities of life "if they did not work hard and get an education." In this setting, on courts that were riddled with potholes and sometimes missing nets, Serena and Venus cut their teeth on the game of tennis and the requirements for persevering in a tough climate.

By 1991, Serena was 46-3 on the junior United States Tennis Association tour, and ranked first in the 10-and-under division. Sensing his girls needed better instruction to become successful professionals, he moved his family again—this time to Florida.

Serena Williams was only 3 years old when she and her sister, Venus, started playing tennis. Since turning pro, she's won countless Grand Slam titles and two Olympic gold medals.



Tennis Star

In 1995, Serena turned pro. Two years later, she was already No. 99 in the world rankings—up from 304 just 12 months before. A year later, she graduated high school, and almost immediately inked a \$12 million shoe deal with Puma.

She developed her own "Aneres" line of clothing, and in 2002 *People* magazine selected her as one of its 25 Most Intriguing People. *Essence* magazine later called her one of the country's 50 Most Inspiring African-Americans. She's also made television appearances, and lent her voice to shows such as *The Simpsons*.

But Serena has had her scrapes and losses. In 2003, her sister Yetunde Price was murdered in Los Angeles, California. In 2011, Williams suffered a series of health scares, after doctors found a blood clot in one of her lungs, which kept her away from tennis for several months.

Personal Life

Williams lives in Palm Beach, Florida with her sister, Venus, and their two dogs, a Jack Russell terrier and a Maltese.

