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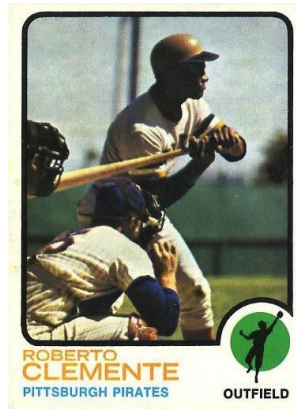
Name	Answers
Roberto Clemente Reading Comprehension	A, B, B, C, B, B, C

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- 1. What is the main focus of the first paragraph?**
 - A. Roberto's childhood
 - B. Roberto's parents
 - C. Roberto's skill in throwing a javelin
 - D. How Roberto earned money

- 2. Which can be inferred from the second paragraph?**
 - A. Roberto Clemente was the greatest baseball player in history
 - B. The Pirates won the World Series in 1971
 - C. Roberto had the highest career batting average of any Pittsburgh Pirate
 - D. Roberto Clemente should have played for the Brooklyn Dodgers

- 3. The third paragraph states that Roberto was known for his humanitarian efforts. Which of the following would qualify as such an effort?**
 - A. Signing autographs for fans
 - B. Helping to deliver food to victims of a hurricane
 - C. Donating your old bike to charity
 - D. Painting a picture for a friend

- 4. Which of the following is the best explanation for why Roberto Clemente was inducted into the Professional Baseball Hall-of-Fame in 1973?**
 - A. He was a great player who won a World Series with the Pittsburgh Pirates and who won the National League's Most Valuable Player award
 - B. He was an all-star 15 times
 - C. He would have been a Hall-of-Fame player when he was eligible, but his career and life were cut short tragically
 - D. He was a humanitarian who spent a lot of time helping people less fortunate

- 5. Which is NOT true about Roberto Clemente**
 - A. He was born in Puerto Rico
 - B. He died while trying to deliver supplies to people in Puerto Rico
 - C. His career ended with exactly 3,000 hits.
 - D. He died on New Year's eve

6. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the following quote?

"If you have a chance to accomplish something that will make things better for people coming behind you, and you don't do that, you are wasting your time on this earth."

- A. Use your time wisely
- B. Make a positive impact on the world
- C. Help to save the earth
- D. Only play baseball if you help people

7. If the entire passage was limited to the second paragraph, which of the following could be its title?

- A. The history of the Pittsburgh Pirates
- B. The Tragic Story of Roberto Clemente
- C. The Amazing Baseball Career of Roberto Clemente
- D. Roberto Clemente at the 1971 World Series

Roberto Clemente: Main Idea and Supporting Detail Sentences

Name: _____

Below are three headings at the beginnings of paragraphs. Below the chart are the associated supporting detail sentences. Which sentences would appear under which heading? Use the numbers before the sentences so you don't have to write the entire sentence. Order matters!

Early Life	Baseball Career	Humanitarian Efforts

1. Roberto was famous for helping people in need across the United States and Central America and held free baseball clinics for children in Puerto Rico.
2. He was selected for the National League All-Star team 15 times, won 12 Gold Glove Awards, and won four National League batting titles.
3. Roberto made a major impact in both the Pirates and Major League Baseball. He played outfield with the Pittsburg Pirates from 1955 to 1972.
4. He became the honorary chairman of an earthquake relief committee that raised \$150,000 and gathered nearly 26 tons of relief supplies for people in Nicaragua.
5. Ironically, the last hit in Roberto's baseball career was his 3000th.
6. Tragically, on New Year's Eve, he died when the plane he was on to deliver the supplies crashed into the Atlantic Ocean.
7. Roberto Clemente Walker was born on August 18, 1934, in Barrio San Anton, Carolina, Puerto Rico.
8. Growing up, Roberto played baseball and participated in track and field.

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7 8	3 2 5	1 4 6

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Virtual History Teacher
Roberto Clemente Test

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Instructions: You are playing the role of a history teacher who is grading the test below. See the questions and your “student’s” answers. Grade the quality of the answers on a scale of 1-4, “1” being a poor answer and “4” being a great answer. For each answer you grade, use your knowledge of Roberto Clemente, or, reference the mrnussbaum.com online biography, to add the missing pieces.

Question 1: Was Roberto Clemente a great baseball player?	Score:
Student Answer: He had a lot of hits in his career.	
Your Response:	

Question 2: What do you think Roberto Clemente’s legacy is?	Score:
Student Answer: He made the Baseball Hall-of-Fame	
Your Response:	

Question 3: What do you think this quote from Clemente means? "If you have a chance to accomplish something that will make things better for people coming behind you, and you don't do that, you are wasting your time on this earth."	Score:
Student Answer: Be good to people.	
Your Response:	

Answers:

Question 1: Was Roberto Clemente a great baseball player?	Score:
Student Answer: He had a lot of hits in his career.	
Your Response: Roberto Clemente had an incredible career. He made the All-Star Game 15 times and won 12 Gold Glove Awards and 4 batting titles. In his career, he had 3,000 hits.	

Question 2: What do you think Roberto Clemente's legacy is?	Score:
Student Answer: He made the Baseball Hall-of-Fame	
Your Response: Not only was Roberto Clemente an amazing baseball player, but he was also a humanitarian, who often gave of himself when people needed him. He often held free baseball clinics for kids in Puerto Rico. He famously lost his life while trying to help deliver supplies for people impacted by an earthquake in Nicaragua.	

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Student Answer: Be good to people.	
Your Response: While Clemente's quote certainly has to do with being good to people, the meaning is actually quite deeper. Clemente believed that helping other people was the purpose to life, and those that have a chance to help people, but choose not to, are not fulfilling that purpose.	

Fact or Fiction?

Name: _____

Below is a biography on Roberto Clemente. On the following page is a chart with ten statements. Indicate whether each statement is fact or fiction.

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Roberto Clemente had exactly 3,000 hits in his career.		
Roberto Clemente tragically died on New Year's Day.		
Roberto Clemente was the first Hispanic player inducted into the Major League Baseball Hall-of-Fame.		
Roberto Clemente played his entire Major League career with the Pittsburgh Pirates.		
Roberto threw the javelin as a kid.		
Roberto Clemente played first base when he was on the Pittsburgh Pirates.		
Roberto Clemente played on the same team as Willie Mays when he played in Puerto Rico.		
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Sequencing the Life of Roberto Clemente

Name: _____

Instructions: Read the narrative on Roberto Clemente. Then, sequence the events from earliest to latest.

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Roberto Clemente made it to the Hall-of-Fame	
Roberto Clemente was born	1
Roberto Clemente died	
1954	
Roberto started his Major-League Career	
Roberto Clemente was the World Series MVP	

Answers

Event	From Earliest to Latest
Roberto Clemente won the National League MVP	4
Roberto Clemente got his 3,000 th hit.	6
Roberto Clemente made it to the Hall-of-Fame	8
Roberto Clemente was born	1
Roberto Clemente died	7
1954	2
Roberto started his Major-League Career	3
Roberto Clemente was the World Series MVP	5

Name _____

Roberto Clemente Baseball Card Math – Ordering Decimals for On-Base Percentage Use the chart below to answer the questions. These are REAL statistics!



Year	On-Base %	Rank
1963	.356	
1964	.388	
1965	.378	
1966	.360	
1967	.400	
1968	.355	
1969	.411	
1970	.407	
1971	.370	
1972	.357	

The chart above shows the Roberto Clemente's on-base percentage between 1963 and 1972. On-base percentage is the percentage of time a batter gets on base. Use the third column to rank each season. 1st should apply to the best on-base percentage in the ten-year period and 10th should apply to the worst (greatest to least).

Answers:

Year	On-Base %	Rank
1963	.356	9
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1965	.378	5
1966	.360	7
1967	.400	3
1968	.355	10
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1970	.407	2
1971	.370	6
1972	.357	8

Name _____

Roberto Clemente Baseball Card Math – Determining Total Bases -
Use the chart below to answer the questions. These are REAL statistics!



Year	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	TB?
1963	600	192	23	8	17	
1964	683	211	40	7	12	
1965	642	194	21	14	10	
1966	690	202	31	11	29	

Total Bases are calculated based on hits in the following way:

- A single is worth one base
- A double is worth two bases
- A triple is worth three bases
- A home run is worth four bases.

Based on the instructions above, calculate the total bases obtained by Roberto Clemente between 1963-1966. Keep a few things in mind:

- 2B = double
- 3B = triple
- HR = home run
- Singles are determined by subtracting HR, 3B, and 2B from H(Hits).

Answers

Year	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	TB?
1963	600	192	23	8	17	282
1964	683	211	40	7	12	301
1965	642	194	21	14	10	273
1966	690	202	31	11	29	342