

MLB FACTS

- Major League Baseball is a professional baseball organization and the oldest major professional sports league in the world. MLB is composed of 30 total teams, divided equally between the National League and the American League (AL), with 29 in the United States and 1 in Canada.
- Beginning in 1903, the two leagues signed the National Agreement and cooperated but remained legally separate entities until 2000, when they merged into a single organization led by the Commissioner of Baseball. MLB is headquartered in Midtown Manhattan.
- **Founded**
[National League](#) (NL), April 22, 1876 ·
[American League](#) (AL), April 22, 1901 ·
- National Agreement signed, 1903 · Merged into one organization, 2000
- **Headquarters** [1271 Avenue of the Americas](#) · [New York, New York](#)
- **Commissioner** [Rob Manfred](#)
- It has the distinction of being the **second-wealthiest** professional sports league by revenue.
- The Major League baseball season is the longest of the major American sports at **162 games**.
- The **Commissioner's Trophy** is awarded each year to the winning team of the World Series of Major League Baseball.

MLB Trivia Quiz

1. **When Was Baseball Invented?**

The **Mills Commission** determined that **Doubleday** founded baseball in 1839 in Cooperstown, New York; that Doubleday coined the name “baseball,” **constructed the diamond**, specified fielder positions, and wrote the rules.

- **Who invented baseball and how did it begin?**

Doubleday devised the game as a modified form of town ball, with four bases on the field and hitters attempting to **hit balls thrown** by a pitcher standing in a **six-foot diameter ring**, according to Graves.

- **How did baseball begin?**

By the **mid-eighteenth century**, **earlier** bat-and-ball sports were already being **played in England**. Immigrants took this game to **North America**, where it evolved into its contemporary form. Baseball was largely acknowledged as the **national sport** of the **United States** by the late twentieth century.

- **What was baseball originally called?**

Rounders

- **When did baseball become a sport?**

In the 1840s and 1850s, baseball had become an **organized sport**. Many of the first teams formed in New **York City** and Brooklyn. The **Knickerbocker Base Ball Club's** Alexander Cartwright put up regulations that were extensively followed. Baseball has been known as the national pastime by 1866.

2. **MLB (Major league baseball) was founded in which year?**

In 1903

3. **In total how many teams after combining NL (National League) and AL (American League)?**

30 teams in total

6. **A baseball field is also known as what?**

Sandlot or Baseball diamond

7. **Who was the first Major League player to pitch a ball over 100 mph?**

Tom Seaver

8. **“Captain Clutch” and “Mr. November” are the nicknames of which famous player?**

Derek Jeter

9. **On 16 August 1920 which player died by the pitch of Carl Mays?**

Ray Chapman

10. The MLB comeback player of the year award sponsored by which product?

Viagra

11. The very oldest professional sport in the world. T or F?

True

12. Which player held the record of maximum hits in the 2004 season?

Ichiro Suzuki 262 hits in 2004 season

13. Which 2 cities have the oldest baseball stadium?

Boston and Detroit

14. The game baseball originated from which country?

England

15. Which and who designed the initial baseball rules?

In 1845, Alexander Cartwright

16. In which year American league founded?

In 1901

17. The Boston American team first won the baseball world series in which year?

In 1903

18. Which is the most common type of pitch that pitchers have thrown?

Fastball

19. Who holds the maximum home run in the major league baseball?

Barry Bonds with 762 home runs

20. The only player who played in a super bowl and a world series?

Deion Sanders

21. In 1998 who broke the single-season home run?

Mark McGwire

22. Baseball hall of fame is located where?

Cooperstown New York

22. **Moses Fleetwood Walker was the first black baseball player to play in the major league? Is it true or not?**

True

23. **Which team first time introduce salaries for players?**

Cincinnati Red Stockings

24. **The famous baseball player Yogi Berra original name was what?**

Lawrence Peter Berra

25. **Atlanta's Major League baseball team name is what?**

Atlanta Braves

26. **Which player plays the maximum World Series games?**

Yogi Berra

27. **In 1980's which player had more hits?**

1. Robin Yount
2. Peter Berra

Robin Yount

28. **First baseball world series held on which year?**

1. 1902
2. 1905
3. 1903

1903

29. **The first player to win the triple crown in major league baseball?**

1. Robbin Yount
2. Tommy Bond

Tommy Bond

30. **"The Little Professor" was the nickname of which player?**

1. Tommy Bond
2. Dominic DiMaggio

Dominic DiMaggio

31. The maximum home run hit by one player in a single major league game was?

4

32. Designated hitter rule created on which year?

1973

33. The approximate size of the baseball ground is what?

2 acres

34. In baseball which player is known as "1"?

The Pitcher

35. The Pitcher Southpaw is left handed or right handed?

Left-handed

36. In which year Texas Rangers founded?

Founded in 1961

37. What was the first name of Texas Rangers?

Washington Senators

38. Who quoted this famous line "I ain't ever had a job, I just always played baseball"?

Satchel Paige

39. "The Wizard" nickname gained by which player?

Ozzie Smith

40. In baseball, OPS stands for what?

On-base Plus Slugging

41. Famous baseball quote "You don't save a pitcher for tomorrow. Tomorrow it may rain" quoted by who?

Leo Durocher

42. Who said this famous line "What does George know about Yankee pride? When did he ever play for the Yankees"?

Billy Martin

43. **Which player holds the record for the highest career on-base percentage (OBP)?**

Ted Williams

44. **WHIP stands for what in baseball?**

Walk and Hits Per Inning Pitched

45. **Which player got the nickname “The big unit”?**

Randall David Johnson

Baseball trivia questions and answers 2018 and 2016

46. **In 2018 the MLB season started on which date?**

March 29, 2018

47. **The World Series 2018 started on which date?**

October 23, 2018

48. **Who was the winner in the 2018 baseball world series?**

Boston Red Sox

49. **True or false: Los Angeles Dodgers was the runner-up team in 2018 World Series?**

True

50. **In total how many matches played in MLB 2018 season?**

162 matches

51. **Major League Baseball season 2016 start on which date?**

April 3, 2016

Baseball rules trivia

52. **“Keystone sack” located on which base?**

Second base

53. **AB in baseball stands for what?**

At Bat

54. **If a ball hits the FOUL pole. What does it mean?**

Home run

55. **“Hot corner” belongs to what base?**

Third base

56. **In which states the player considered to be dismissed?**

4 types of dismiss in baseball are 1. Strike out 2. Force out 3. Fly out 4. Tag out

57. **What was called the 8th wonder of the world?**

The Astrodome in Houston, TX in 1965

58. **Which was the first baseball stadium with a roof?**

The Astrodome in Houston, TX in 1965

59. **What was known as the curse of stadiums?**

Astroturf

60. **Where did the NY Mets play before they moved to Shea Stadium”?**

The Polo Grounds

61. **Who was quoted as saying “Can Anyone play this game? After the NY Mets dismal seasonal record of 40 -120**

Jimmy Breslin

62. **Who received Gold Gloves in 1957?**

Bobby Schantz NYY (pitcher), Gil Hodges, Dodgers, (1st base),

Willie Mays, NYGiants (Center field}

63. Who was the player who broke Ty Cobb's 1915 stolen base record in 1962 with 104 stolen bases?

Maury Wills

64. Who was the person who originated the asterisk * to show that a different number of games occurred when a MLB record was broken?

Ford Frick

65. In the 1960's the AL and NL grew from 8 to how many teams in each league?

12 teams in each league

66. In the 1960's the number of AL and NL baseball games changed. What were they changed from to the new increase?

154 to 162

67. What year did the Dodgers and Giants leave NY City?

After the 1957 season.

68. When did the METS originate?

1962

69. What was the "Continental League?"

Branch Rickey and Bill Shea threatened to start this major league and did not want to compete for revenue, TV advertising and talent in NYC.

70. What year did the Dodgers play their first under the lights game?

1930

71. Who and what year was the color barrier in baseball shattered?

Jackie Robinson, 1947

72. Name up to 10 baseball movies.

Bull Durham, the life & times of Hank Greenberg, Moneyball, Sugar, Up for Grabs, Field of Dreams, Everybody wants some, Eight Men Out, The Rookie, The Natural, Major

League, 42, A League of their own, The Phenom, The Battered Basterds of baseball, The bad news bears, Take Me out to the Ball Game, The Pride of the Yankees, Bang the Drum slowly, The Bingo Long Travelling All Stars , The Stratton Story, 61, Peletero, It happens every spring, Fear Strikes Out, Damn Yankees, Fever Pitch, Million Dollar Arm, The Sandlot, The Broken Hearts Club, Angels in the Outfield, For the love of the Game, "The Naughty Nineties" includes the Abbott & Costello routine "Who's On First?"

73. When and where were the first 4 MLB stadiums built?

Ebbets Field, April 1913. 55 Sullivan Pl., Flatbush, ny (torn down in 1957 named for Charles ebbets who started out as a ticket taker for the team and eventually became its owner. Articles are in the baseball hall of fame.

Polo Grounds Opened April 18, 1890 (torn down in 1965) in upper Manhattan 155th st. between Coogan's Bluff and the Harlem River.

Yankee Stadium, the Bronx, 161st st, Manhattan, NY opened April 18, 1923 completed in 284 days. Closed in 2008. New stadium opened 2009.

Shea Stadium originally named William A. Shea Municipal Stadium in Flushing Meadows Park, Queens built 1964. Demolished in 2009. Citifield opened in 2009. It is the only MLB baseball park to feature orange foul poles instead of yellow,

73. When did MLB start the practice of playing God Bless America ?

After 911 in 2001

74. Were and which park was the first to be made of concrete and steel?

Philadelphia Shibe Park

75. When was the first MLB modern World Series?

October 1, 1903

76. Which teams played and which one won?

The Pittsburg Pirates (3) and the Boston Americans (5) in a best of 9 series

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25 NY METS Trivia Questions

1 Which Hall of Fame pitcher began his career with the New York Mets and went on to rack up over 5,000 strikeouts?

Answer: Nolan Ryan

Nolan Ryan debuted with the New York Mets on September 11, 1966 and won the World Series with the Mets in 1969. He was traded to the California Angels after the 1971 season. Nolan Ryan would move on to play for the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers. He collected 5,714 strikeouts in his career and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1999.

 Reference: [Quiz: I Was Once a Met.](#)

2 The first number retired by the Mets belonged to Casey Stengel who was their first manager. What was "The Old Perfessor's" number?

Answer: 37

Casey Stengel actually had his number 37 retired by both the Yankees and the Mets. The Yankees did this based on his leading them to ten American League pennants and seven World Series titles in twelve years. Although he had less success with the Mets, he gave them a personality and made them competitive in their early years.

 Reference: [Quiz: New York Mets by the Numbers.](#)

3 From which franchise did the Mets sign catcher Gary Carter in the 1984-85 offseason?

Answer: Montreal Expos

Gary Carter was actually drafted by the Expos as a shortstop in 1972. He was converted to a catcher in the minors and, ironically, made his Major League debut against the Mets in the 1974 season. The Mets signed their taysman #8 in the 1984-85 offseason and he began his Mets career with a game-winning 10th-inning homer on the Opening Day of the 1985 season. He stayed with the Mets until the end of the 1989 season. He hit 89 of his 324 career HRs for New York, including 24 in the 1986 season.

Carter played for both the Giants and Dodgers before returning to Montreal for a final MLB season in 1992. Gary Carter is the only member of the 1986 Mets who has been inducted into Cooperstown -- he received 78.02% of the votes in the 2003 Hall of Fame ballot and the Expos retired his number that same year.

Carter was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2011 and died nine months later in February 2012 aged 57.

 Reference: [Quiz: Those Amazing Mets.](#)

4 I was drafted by the Mets in the 7th round of the 2007 draft. I made my Major League debut in September of 2010. In my first full season of 2011 I played in 100 games, batting .292 and hitting 10 home runs. Who am I?

Answer: Lucas Duda

Lucas Duda is from Fontana, California and was drafted and came up through the Mets system before making his debut in 2010.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: Who Am I? New York Mets Edition.](#)

5 Which Met was the first player in Major League history to be traded for himself?

Answer: Harry Chiti

Only the Mets could have pulled this off when in 1962, they acquired Harry Chiti from the Cleveland Indians for a player to be named later. That player ended up being Harry Chiti who was sent back to Cleveland.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: Those Amazin' Mets: The 1960s.](#)

6 The manager Gil Hodges had a brilliant strategy to get the most out of a solid but unspectacular line-up. He employed a platoon system for all but three positions. Can you name these three?

Answer: Shortstop, Centerfield and Left field

Platooning is having players who play the same position but bat from different sides of the plate. This allows the manager to match a left handed batter against a right-handed pitcher or vice-versa. In 1969, the only 3 Mets who played almost every day were Bud Harrelson (shortstop), Cleon Jones (left field), and Tommie Agee (centerfield).

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: Your 1969 New York Mets.](#)

7 Who managed the New York Mets to the 1973 National League pennant?

Answer: Yogi Berra

Yogi Berra was the manager who led the New York Mets to the 1973 National League title. The Mets only had a record of 82-79 during the regular season, but this result was good enough to win a title in the very mediocre National League East division. The Mets then upset the Cincinnati Reds, 3 games to 2, to capture the National League Championship Series. Berra managed the Mets from 1972 to 1975, compiling a regular season record of 292-296. Gil Hodges managed the 1969 Mets. Joe Pignatano and Eddie Yost were coaches on Berra's staff for the 1973 Mets.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: The 1973 New York Mets.](#)

8 The 1969 New York Mets won 100 regular season games en route to the National League East title. Which team did the Mets defeat in the N.L. Championship Series?

Answer: Atlanta Braves

The New York Mets won the first-ever National League East title, outlasting the Chicago Cubs in the regular season. The Mets then went on to play the Atlanta Braves, inaugural champions of the National League West. The Braves had a powerful lineup featuring such hitting stars as Hank Aaron, Rico Carty, and Orlando Cepeda. However, the Miracle Mets were able to sweep

Atlanta in three straight games by the scores of 9-5, 11-6, and 7-4. The Mets thus won the first National League Championship Series. Tommie Agee, Cleon Jones, and Wayne Garrett were the main hitting stars for the "Amazings" in this series.

 Reference: [Quiz: The 1969 New York Mets](#).

9 Who played second base in 1962 for 85 games?

Answer: Charlie Neal

Neal was acquired by the Mets in December 1961 from the L.A. Dodgers for Lee Walls, Willard Hunter, and cash. In eight seasons with the Brooklyn and L.A. Dodgers, Mets and Reds, he hit .259 with 87 home runs and 48 stolen bases.

 Reference: [Quiz: Mets Second Basemen](#).

10 The team came to spring training in 1986 after having finishing in 2nd place in 1985. Manager Davey Johnson made a bold statement during spring training concerning how he thought the 1986 season would go. What did he say?

Answer: They would not only win that year, they would dominate


Davey made the bold statement to the press, which caught everyone by surprise. He said that the Mets would dominate, and win the division by double-digits (ten games or more). Johnson took over the managerial job of the Mets in 1983, and improved them every year, eventually becoming the first manager in the history of the National League to guide a team to 90+ wins in each of the first five years of managing a team.

 Reference: [Quiz: New York Mets: 1986 Champions](#).

11 The New York Mets played their first season in 1962 in which stadium?

Answer: The Polo Grounds

They played their first two seasons at the Polo Grounds, then moved into Shea Stadium in 1964. They would still lose over 100 games in each of those three seasons.

 Reference: [Quiz: Mets Mania](#).

12 The 1969 Mets had a very formidable pitching staff which was the strength of the team. For the third year in a row, they inserted a rookie into the starting rotation as a mainstay of the staff. Who was the 1969 rookie pitcher who threw 233 innings that year?

Answer: Gary Gentry

Gentry won 13 games as a rookie in 1969 and pitched to a 3.43 ERA. He was the winning pitcher in the division-clinching game that season, posting a 6-0 shutout to the St. Louis Cardinals. He pitched for the Mets through the 1972 season, before being traded to the Atlanta Braves. He developed arm trouble and was out of baseball by 1975.

 Reference: [Quiz: The Miracle Mets of 1969](#).

13 The Mets were allowed to select designated players from lists submitted to the league office by all National League teams to fill their rosters. With their very first pick, the Mets selected a catcher. What was his name?

Answer: Hobie Landrith

They selected the immortal Hobie Landrith off the roster of the San Francisco Giants. He was a journeyman catcher who played with a number of teams since he began his career in 1950. He had played for the Cincinnati Reds, St. Louis Cardinals, and San Francisco Giants before the Mets selected him. In a portent of things to come, he was gone by mid season, traded to the Baltimore Orioles.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: The Amazin' 1962 New York Mets.](#)

14 Who gave up the first run in Mets history?

Answer: Roger Craig

Craig was the starting pitcher for the Mets against the St. Louis Cardinals on April 11, 1962. They lost, 11-4.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: The 1962 Mets.](#)

15 Which Met leadoff man led the NL in both triples and stolen bases in 2006?

Answer: Jose Reyes

Jose led the league with over 60 steals and nearly 20 triples in 2006.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: Presenting Your New York Mets.](#)

16 On September 15, 1969, Steve Carlton of the Cardinals struck out 19 Mets. What other amazing occurrence happened that night?

Answer: Ron Swoboda hit two two-run home runs and the Mets won 4-3

Ron Swoboda was known more for his strikeouts than his home runs. At the time, Carlton's 19 strikeouts was the Major League record and Swoboda was an unlikely hero.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: Those 1969 Amazing Mets!](#)

17 Which of these stadiums do you associate with the New York Mets?

Answer: Shea Stadium

Opening in 1964, Shea Stadium is where the Mets played. They played at the Polo Grounds in 1962 and 1963.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: The New York Mets.](#)

18 In their first trade, the Mets traded a player to be named later and cash for Frank Thomas and a player to be named later. What team made this deal with the Mets?

Answer: Braves

The Braves sent Thomas and eventually Rick Herrscher to the Mets for Gus Bell and cash.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: Big Apple Deals](#).

19 What was the first year that the Mets played in Shea Stadium?

Answer: 1964

They played at the Polo Grounds during their first 2 years under manager Casey Stengel.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: Shea Stadium](#).

20 What was the Mets' record in their first season, 1962?

Answer: 40-120

The Mets went 40-120 in 1962, bad enough that they still set a record for one of the worst baseball teams in history.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: New York Mets](#).

21 On May 15, 1973, as a member of the California Angels, I threw a no-hitter against the Kansas City Royals. Who am I?

Answer: Nolan Ryan

This was the first of many no-hitters for Ryan, and the beginning of the New York Met curse.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: NY Mets / No-Hitter Curse](#).

22 Which of these former Mets' numbers has never been retired?

Answer: Keith Hernandez 17

Keith Hernandez of the champion 86 mets interestingly has never had his number retired.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: NY Mets](#).

23 What former Met hit the most career home runs before donning the blue and orange?

Answer: Wille Mays

Willie Mays hit 646 of his 660 career homers for the New York/San Francisco Giants, before being acquired by the Mets on May 11, 1972.

🔍 Reference: [Quiz: Before & After They Were Mets](#).

24 The 1972 Mets were the first modern-era team to NOT have any player do what?

Answer: Get 100 base hits as a batter

Thanks to a rash of injuries and a six games lost to an owners' lockout, Tommie Agee led the

team with 96 base hits. Never before (since 1900) did a team not have any players with at least 100 hits.

 Reference: [Quiz: Tough New York Mets.](#)

25 Who managed the Mets in their inaugural year of 1962?

Answer: Casey Stengel

Casey helmed the club for it's first 4 seasons. In 1962, the Mets finished an awful 40-120. Pitcher Roger Craig won the most games for the Mets with 10, but lost 24 also.

25 NY Yankee Trivia Questions

1 What was the original name and location of the New York Yankees franchise during its first two years in the American League?

Answer: Baltimore Orioles

The National League New York Giants blocked an attempt by the upstart American League to have a team in New York City. So, a team was placed in Baltimore from 1901-1902, called the Baltimore Orioles. This team moved to New York for the 1903 season.

 Reference: [Quiz: Damn Yankees - The Worst Years.](#)

2 After a heartbreaking end to the 1995 season in which the Yankees lost to the Seattle Mariners in the ALDS, then-manager Buck Showalter was fired. Owner George Steinbrenner then turned to which legendary Brooklyn-born former player to manage the team in 1996?

Answer: Joe Torre

Torre, fresh off a six-year stint with the St. Louis Cardinals, was given the task to manage the Yankees to the World Series. Former Dodger Don Zimmer became his bench coach and Mel Stottlemyre his pitching coach. Prior to 1996, Torre had never been to the World Series.

 Reference: [Quiz: The 1996 New York Yankees.](#)

3 The New York Yankees organization began as the Baltimore Orioles in 1901. In 1903 the team moved to New York and took a new name. What was the new name that the team took in 1903?

Answer: New York Highlanders

The Orioles home stadium, Oriole Park, was located in Baltimore Maryland. The Orioles played two seasons in Baltimore before relocating to Manhattan, New York. With their new location, the team also took up a new name, the New York Highlanders. They took the name Highlanders because of the teams new elevated location and the Gordon Highlanders, a British Military unit. The Highlanders played their home games at Hilltop Park.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: How 'Bout Them Yankees?](#)

4 Of these great Yankee teams, 1927, 1961, 1978, or 1998, which team had the most wins in a season?

Answer: 1998

The 1998 team under Joe Torre won 114 games in the 162-game season, while the 1961 team won 109, and the 1978 team won 100 in the same amount of games. The 1927 team nicknamed 'Murderers Row', won 110 games in their 154-game season.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: Yankees Fan?](#)

5 Which year did the franchise take on the name "Yankees"?

Answer: 1913

The franchise began as the Baltimore Orioles in 1901. They were the New York Highlanders from 1903-1912, then took on the historical Yankee name in 1913.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: New York Yankees Pinstripes.](#)

6 In 1913, a man known as the "Peerless Leader" became the New York Yankees' first manager. Can you identify this Hall of Famer?

Answer: Frank Chance

The New York Highlanders changed their name to "Yankees" to begin the 1913 season, and Frank Chance became the first man to lead the Yankees. Chance was nicknamed the "Peerless Leader" because of his managerial skills; he led the Chicago Cubs to World Series titles in 1907 and 1908. Chance managed the Bombers during the 1913 and 1914 seasons, compiling a record of 137-168.

Chance was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946. Roger Peckinpaugh replaced Chance as Yankees' manager during the 1914 season. Miller Huggins managed the Yankees from 1918 to 1929.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: New York Yankees Managers.](#)

7 In which of these years did the Yankees win five World Series in a row?

Answer: 1949-1953

The 1925-1929 Yankees starred Murderers Row. The 1936-1940 Yankees was DiMaggio and Dickey time, while the 1951-1955 Yankees showcased Mantle, Berra, and Rizzuto.

🔗 Reference: [Quiz: In the Pinstripes.](#)

8 The Yankee franchise began it all in 1901 as the Baltimore Orioles. Who was the franchise's first manager?

Answer: John McGraw

McGraw was a player-manager for the 1899 Baltimore Orioles of the National League. When the team folded, some reappeared in the new American League in 1901. McGraw left the team midseason 1902, joined the New York Giants, and continued to manage them for 31 seasons. John took the Giants to 11 National League pennants and three World Series crowns. Would if he had managed the Yankees in that time frame? Would if he had dumped Ruth, with less patience than Miller Huggins? Nobody will ever know.

 Reference: [Quiz: A Real Yankee Challenge.](#)

9 The Yankees traded which player to the Oakland Athletics in 1997 for Scott Brosius?

Answer: Kenny Rogers

On November 18, 1997, the Yankees traded Kenny Rogers to the A's for Brosius, which Brosius had an amazing year in the Yankees lineup batting 9th. He finished the season as the World Series MVP.

 Reference: [Quiz: Yankees Drafts/Trades: 1990s.](#)

10 When did the Yankees win their first World Series?

Answer: 1923

They beat the Giants in 6 games. They hadn't won a World Series in the first 20 years of the contest.

 Reference: [Quiz: The Bronx Bombers.](#)

11 The 1927 Yankees found themselves in their fifth World Series. Which manager took the team to all five of these in 1927?

Answer: Miller Huggins

The others didn't come into the Yankees' lives until the 1930s, 1940s, and 1960s. Huggins took over team from Bill Donovan in 1918, two seasons before the arrival of the Babe to the Yankees. Huggins took the team to six World Series before he became ill in the 1929 season, was replaced by Art Fletcher, then died before the season ended.

 Reference: [Quiz: The 1927 New York Yankees!.](#)

12 This tremendous franchise began with the new American League in 1901, and the team was named the Baltimore Orioles. After moving to New York, what team name did they take up?

Answer: Highlanders

After moving from Baltimore in 1902, they became the Highlanders in 1903. Their first season

in New York gave the fans a 72-62 record, good enough for third place. The infamous name of "Yankees" later came in 1913.

 Reference: [Quiz: The New York Yankees!](#)

13 In 2005, Alex Rodriguez became the first solely right-handed Yankee hitter to hit 40 home runs in a season since 1937. Who accomplished the feat in 1937?

Answer: Joe DiMaggio


Both Dickey and Gehrig were left handed batters. Lazzeri, not known as a power hitter, tallied only 14 HRs that season while batting only .244.

 Reference: [Quiz: Yankee History and Facts.](#)

14 During the 2004 offseason, the Yankees focused on bolstering their rotation. The rotation consisted of Johnson, Mussina, Pavano, Brown, and which former Atlanta Braves pitcher?

Answer: Jaret Wright

Jaret Wright caught the eyes of the Yankees after having a career season with the Braves going 15-8 with a 3.28 ERA, while striking out 159.

 Reference: [Quiz: Yankees Mix.](#)

15 On what day was the first game played at Yankee Stadium?

Answer: April 18, 1923

The Yankees played their first game there versus the Boston Red Sox, which they won by a score of 4-1.

 Reference: [Quiz: About Yankee Stadium.](#)

16 Which franchise by team name had the bragging rights by appearing in a World Series first?

Answer: Boston Pilgrims

The Pilgrims went to the first World Series in history in 1903, defeating the Pirates five games to three. Boston was led by the bat of Patsy Dougherty, and the arms of Bill Dineen and Cy Young.

 Reference: [Quiz: Red Sox vs. Yankees : 100 Years of Rivalry.](#)

17 On their rout to a World Series title, the Yankees faced three opponents. Which of these was not a team that they faced?

Answer: Los Angeles Dodgers

After finishing first in the AL East, they took out the Rangers in the ALDS in a 3-0 sweep. Next, in the ALCS, they played the Cleveland Indians and won 4-2. And the World Series they blew

out the San Diego Padres in a 4-0 sweep. The Dodgers did not play the Yankees the entire trip.

 Reference: [Quiz: The 1998 New York Yankees](#).

18 Who did the Yankees lose to in their first playoff series of the '90s?

Answer: Seattle Mariners

In game five of the 1995 ALDS, the Yankees scored the lead-taking run in the top of the 11th inning, but Edgar Martinez, with two runners on base, hit a double scoring Joey Cora to tie followed by Ken Griffey Jr. who beat the throw from the outfield to win the game 6-5.

 Reference: [Quiz: Yankees Playoffs](#).

19 Which Yankee outfielder pitched for his team in a doubleheader in 1968?

Answer: Rocky Colavito

Colavito was a prolific home run hitter for the Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians before coming to the Yankees in the late 1960s. He hit 374 career home runs, but only 13 with the Yanks.

 Reference: [Quiz: New York Yankees](#).

20 In 1999, the Yankees won game three of the World Series thanks to a walk-off home run in extra innings by which outfielder?

Answer: Chad Curtis

Bernie, Paulie, and Darryl, had all supplied the Yankees with some October magic at one time or another, but this autumn evening belonged to Curtis.

 Reference: [Quiz: Autumn in the Bronx](#).

21 Game 1 of the series was won by the Yankees. What was the score?

Answer: 10-7

Red Sox starter Curt Schilling lasted only three innings in the shortest outing of his playoff career, while Yanks starter Mike Mussina pitched a good game. The Yankees ended up winning 10-7 to take a 1-0 series lead.

 Reference: [Quiz: Red Sox vs. NY: 2004 ALCS](#).

22 When the American League first started in 1901, the Yankees were the Baltimore Orioles. Who was their first manager?

Answer: John McGraw

In 1902, McGraw joined the NY Giants in the National League and embarked on a Hall of Fame managerial career. He managed the Giants for 31 seasons, winning 10 pennants and three World Series titles.

Reference: [Quiz: New York Yankees : For Die-Hards](#).

23 Which player was the Yankee captain from 1976-1979?

Answer: Thurman Munson

Thurman Munson was the Yankee catcher. He won the Rookie of the Year Award in 1970, and also the 1976 American League MVP Award. He was a seven time all-star before dying in a plane crash on August 2, 1979.

Reference: [Quiz: New York Yankees History](#).

24 What record did the Yankees finish with in the 1923 regular season?

Answer: 98-54

They won their first ever World Series, defeating the New York Giants 4-2.

Reference: [Quiz: Great Yankee Conquest](#).

25 Who was the losing pitcher in the 1904 one game play-off to decide whether the Yanks (then Highlanders) or Sox (then Pilgrims) would take the pennant?

Answer: Jack Chesbro

This is one of the few times that the Red Sox beat the Yankees in a crucial situation. Chesbro, the Highlander pitcher, threw a wild pitch to allow the game winning run to score, giving the Boston Pilgrims the Pennant. Cy Young started for the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims went on to win their first World Series.

Reference: [Quiz: Yankees over Sox \(again\)](#).

36 Brooklyn Dodger Trivia Questions

1 Which Hall of Fame pitcher began his career with the New York Mets and went on to rack up over 5,000 strikeouts?

Answer: **Nolan Ryan**

Nolan Ryan debuted with the New York Mets on September 11, 1966 and won the World Series with the Mets in 1969. He was traded to the California Angels after the 1971 season. Nolan Ryan would move on to play for the Houston Astros and Texas Rangers. He collected 5,714 strikeouts in his career and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1999.

Your options: [[Nolan Ryan](#)] [[Roger Clemens](#)] [[Randy Johnson](#)] [[Sandy Koufax](#)]

From [Quiz: I Was Once a Met](#)

2 The first number retired by the Mets belonged to Casey Stengel who was their first manager. What was "The Old Perfessor's" number?

Answer: **37**

Casey Stengel actually had his number 37 retired by both the Yankees and the Mets. The Yankees did this based on his leading them to ten American League pennants and seven World Series titles in twelve years. Although he had less success with the Mets, he gave them a personality and made them competitive in their early years.

From [Quiz: New York Mets by the Numbers](#)

3 From which franchise did the Mets sign catcher Gary Carter in the 1984-85 offseason?

Answer: **Montreal Expos**

Gary Carter was actually drafted by the Expos as a shortstop in 1972. He was converted to a catcher in the minors and, ironically, made his Major League debut against the Mets in the 1974 season. The Mets signed their taysman #8 in the 1984-85 offseason and he began his Mets career with a game-winning 10th-inning homer on the Opening Day of the 1985 season. He stayed with the Mets until the end of the 1989 season. He hit 89 of his 324 career HRs for New York, including 24 in the 1986 season.

Carter played for both the Giants and Dodgers before returning to Montreal for a final MLB season in 1992. Gary Carter is the only member of the 1986 Mets who has been inducted into Cooperstown -- he received 78.02% of the votes in the 2003 Hall of Fame ballot and the Expos retired his number that same year.

Carter was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2011 and died nine months later in February 2012 aged 57.

Your options: [[Montreal Expos](#)] [[Los Angeles Dodgers](#)] [[San Francisco Giants](#)]
[[Houston Astros](#)]

From [Quiz: Those Amazing Mets](#)

4 Which Met was the first player in Major League history to be traded for himself?

Answer: **Harry Chiti**

Only the Mets could have pulled this off when in 1962, they acquired Harry Chiti from the Cleveland Indians for a player to be named later. That player ended up being Harry Chiti who was sent back to Cleveland.

Your options: [[Harry Chiti](#)] [[Ron Hunt](#)] [[Don Zimmer](#)] [[Marv Throneberry](#)]

From [Quiz: Those Amazin' Mets: The 1960s](#)

5 The manager Gil Hodges had a brilliant strategy to get the most out of a solid but unspectacular line-up. He employed a platoon system for all but three positions. Can you name these three?

Answer: **Shortstop, Centerfield and Left field**

Platooning is having players who play the same position but bat from different sides of the plate. This allows the manager to match a left handed batter against a right-handed pitcher or vice-versa. In 1969, the only 3 Mets who played almost every day were Bud Harrelson (shortstop), Cleon Jones (left field), and Tommie Agee (centerfield).

From [Quiz: Your 1969 New York Mets](#)

6 Who managed the New York Mets to the 1973 National League pennant?

Answer: **Yogi Berra**

Yogi Berra was the manager who led the New York Mets to the 1973 National League title. The Mets only had a record of 82-79 during the regular season, but this result was good enough to win a title in the very mediocre National League East division. The Mets then upset the Cincinnati Reds, 3 games to 2, to capture the National League Championship Series. Berra managed the Mets from 1972 to 1975, compiling a regular season record of 292-296. Gil Hodges managed the 1969 Mets. Joe Pignatano and Eddie Yost were coaches on Berra's staff for the 1973 Mets.

From [Quiz: The 1973 New York Mets](#)

7 The 1969 New York Mets won 100 regular season games en route to the National League East title. Which team did the Mets defeat in the N.L. Championship Series?

Answer: **Atlanta Braves**

The New York Mets won the first-ever National League East title, outlasting the Chicago Cubs in the regular season. The Mets then went on to play the Atlanta Braves, inaugural champions of the National League West. The Braves had a powerful lineup featuring such hitting stars as Hank Aaron, Rico Carty, and Orlando Cepeda. However, the Miracle Mets were able to sweep Atlanta in three straight games by the scores of 9-5, 11-6, and 7-4. The Mets thus won the first National League Championship Series. Tommie Agee, Cleon Jones, and Wayne Garrett were the main hitting stars for the "Amazings" in this series.

Your options: [[Los Angeles Dodgers](#)] [[San Francisco Giants](#)] [[Houston Astros](#)]
[[Atlanta Braves](#)]

From [Quiz: The 1969 New York Mets](#)

8 Who played second base in 1962 for 85 games?

Answer: **Charlie Neal**

Neal was acquired by the Mets in December 1961 from the L.A. Dodgers for Lee Walls, Willard Hunter, and cash. In eight seasons with the Brooklyn and L.A. Dodgers, Mets and Reds, he hit .259 with 87 home runs and 48 stolen bases.

From [Quiz: Mets Second Basemen](#)

9 The team came to spring training in 1986 after having finishing in 2nd place in 1985. Manager Davey Johnson made a bold statement during spring training concerning how he thought the 1986 season would go. What did he say?

Answer: **They would not only win that year, they would dominate**

Davey made the bold statement to the press, which caught everyone by surprise. He said that the Mets would dominate, and win the division by double-digits (ten games or more). Johnson took over the managerial job of the Mets in 1983, and improved them every year, eventually becoming the first manager in the history of the National League to guide a team to 90+ wins in each of the first five years of managing a team.

From [Quiz: New York Mets: 1986 Champions](#)

10 The New York Mets played their first season in 1962 in which stadium?

Answer: **The Polo Grounds**

They played their first two seasons at the Polo Grounds, then moved into Shea Stadium in 1964. They would still lose over 100 games in each of those three seasons.

Your options: [[Ebbets Field](#)] [[Shea Stadium](#)] [[The Polo Grounds](#)] [[Yankee Stadium](#)]

From [Quiz: Mets Mania](#)

11 The Mets were allowed to select designated players from lists submitted to the league office by all National League teams to fill their rosters. With their very first pick, the Mets selected a catcher. What was his name?

Answer: **Hobie Landrith**

They selected the immortal Hobie Landrith off the roster of the San Francisco Giants. He was a journeyman catcher who played with a number of teams since he began his career in 1950. He had played for the Cincinnati Reds, St. Louis Cardinals, and San Francisco Giants before the Mets selected him. In a portent of things to come, he was gone by mid season, traded to the Baltimore Orioles.

From [Quiz: The Amazin' 1962 New York Mets](#)

12 What were the results of the 2000 World Series, with the New York Yankees taking on the Mets?

Answer: **4 games to 1; Yankees win**

The Yankees win in 5 games, with Derek Jeter winning MVP with a .409 avg in the series.

From [Quiz: The NY Mets](#)

13 Who gave up the first run in Mets history?

Answer: **Roger Craig**

Craig was the starting pitcher for the Mets against the St. Louis Cardinals on April 11, 1962. They lost, 11-4.

From [Quiz: The 1962 Mets](#)

14 In 2008, the Mets acquired Johan Santana from the Minnesota Twins for 4 prospects. What outfielder did the Mets include in this trade?

Answer: **Carlos Gomez**

Along with Gomez, the Mets traded 3 pitchers to the Minnesota Twins for Johan Santana. The 3 pitchers were Phillip Humber, Kevin Mulvey, and Deolis Guerra.

From [Quiz: Mets Trades](#)

15 Which Met leadoff man led the NL in both triples and stolen bases in 2006?

Answer: **Jose Reyes**

Jose led the league with over 60 steals and nearly 20 triples in 2006.

Your options: [[David Wright](#)] [[Carlos Beltran](#)] [[Jose Reyes](#)] [[Rickey Henderson](#)]

From [Quiz: Presenting Your New York Mets](#)

16 On September 15, 1969, Steve Carlton of the Cardinals struck out 19 Mets. What other amazing occurrence happened that night?

Answer: **Ron Swoboda hit two two-run home runs and the Mets won 4-3**

Ron Swoboda was known more for his strikeouts than his home runs. At the time, Carlton's 19 strikeouts was the Major League record and Swoboda was an unlikely hero.

From [Quiz: Those 1969 Amazing Mets!](#)

17 In their first trade, the Mets traded a player to be named later and cash for Frank Thomas and a player to be named later. What team made this deal with the Mets?

Answer: **Braves**

The Braves sent Thomas and eventually Rick Herrscher to the Mets for Gus Bell and cash.

From [Quiz: Big Apple Deals](#)

18 What was the first year that the Mets played in Shea Stadium?

Answer: **1964**

They played at the Polo Grounds during their first 2 years under manager Casey Stengel.

From [Quiz: Shea Stadium](#)

19 What was the Mets' record in their first season, 1962?

Answer: **40-120**

The Mets went 40-120 in 1962, bad enough that they still set a record for one of the worst baseball teams in history.

From [Quiz: New York Mets](#)

20 On May 15, 1973, as a member of the California Angels, I threw a no-hitter against the Kansas City Royals. Who am I?

Answer: **Nolan Ryan**

This was the first of many no-hitters for Ryan, and the beginning of the New York Met curse.

From [Quiz: NY Mets / No-Hitter Curse](#)

21 What former Met hit the most career home runs before donning the blue and orange?

Answer: **Willie Mays**

Willie Mays hit 646 of his 660 career homers for the New York/San Francisco Giants, before being acquired by the Mets on May 11, 1972.

From [Quiz: Before & After They Were Mets](#)

22 The 1972 Mets were the first modern-era team to NOT have any player do what?

Answer: **Get 100 base hits as a batter**

Thanks to a rash of injuries and a six games lost to an owners' lockout, Tommie Agee led the team with 96 base hits. Never before (since 1900) did a team not have any players with at least 100 hits.

From [Quiz: Tough New York Mets](#)

23 Who managed the Mets in their inaugural year of 1962?

Answer: **Casey Stengel**

Casey helmed the club for its first 4 seasons. In 1962, the Mets finished an awful 40-120. Pitcher Roger Craig won the most games for the Mets with 10, but lost 24 also.

From [Quiz: Your New York Mets!](#)

24 When were the Mets introduced into the Major Leagues?

Answer: **1962**

Under the management of Casey Stengel, the Mets finished a dismal last place with a record of 40-120.

From [Quiz: Tough NY Mets](#)

25 On October 6th, 1991, David Cone tied a Mets record by striking out 19 batters in a game. Who was he facing that day?

Answer: [Philadelphia Phillies](#)

Cone struck out 19 Phillies only a few short hours after being accused of rape. He was eventually acquitted of the charge. The Mets won this game, the final game of the 1991 season, 7-0.

From [Quiz: Mets Brainteasers](#)

26 The New York Mets won for the first time ever on April 23rd, 1962, a 9-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. Who was the Winning Pitcher?

Answer: [Jay Hook](#)

Jay Hook threw a complete game, allowing 1 run and 5 hits. He also went 1-4 with 2 RBI at the plate.

From [Quiz: For Mets Diehards](#)

27. In the early and mid-fifties, choose the primary broadcasters used for the TV games.

Answer: [Red Barber, Connie Desmond, Vin Scully, Andre Baruch](#)

One of these famed telecasters later went to work for the hated Yankees.

28. On what channel were the Dodger games broadcast in New York?

Answer: [Ch. 9](#)

Channel 9 was the Cable before there was Cable. You could have seen old movies, old police shows, and all the New York Sports teams (in season) for free!

29. What was the name of the pre-game show, aimed at the kids, and appearing before every home game?

Answer: [Happy Feltons' Knothole Gang](#)

Happy was a rotund featured actor who also appeared on many of the "Golden Age" dramas of the day. The show featured interviews with the players and baseball instruction.

30. One of the announcers was plucked directly from Fordham University without previous professional experience, and became a famous play-by-play star later in his career. Who was this?

Answer: **Vince Scully**

Red Barber overheard young Scully on the Fordham radio station, and the rest was history.

31. What was the name of the street into which Duke Snider would hit most of his "homers", a fairly long and well-known Brooklyn thoroughfare?

Answer: **Bedford Avenue**

It's still there and runs through almost all of Brooklyn in a north to south direction.

32. This Brooklyn manager never wore a uniform. He did his business in a business suit. Who was it?

Answer: **Burt Shotton**

One of the only baseball managers to act so. Another famous exception being Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics.

33. Who became the Dodgers version of Mariano Rivera because he was a practically lights out closer and one of the first great relievers?

Answer: **Clem Labine**

He was the unsung hero of "Dem Bums", rarely blowing a save, and played for the Dodgers from 1950-1960.

34. What famous Brooklyn park was Ebbets Field next to?

Answer: **Prospect Park**

A huge Inner-City Park second only to Central in New York city.

35. What stood where Ebbets Field was today?

Answer: **A housing project**

It's quite a large and imposing apartment building with absolutely no trace of the ballpark. Ebbets was opened in 1913, with the last game being played in 1957, then torn down in 1960.

36. Which Brooklyn Dodger won the first Cy Young award?

Answer: **Don Newcombe**

The first Cy Young award was given out in 1956. Newcombe went 27-7 in the season.

6 NY Giants Baseball Trivia Questions

1. When did the NY Giants begin playing baseball in NY and under what name?

The Giants began play in the 1883 season as the New York Gothams and were renamed in 1885. They continued as the New York Giants until the team relocated to San Francisco, California after the 1957 season, where the team continues its history as the San Francisco Giants.

2. How many seasons did the team play in NY?

75 seasons in [New York City](#),

3. Where did the Giants play?

The Giants played home games at various incarnations of the [Polo Grounds](#) in [Upper Manhattan](#) especially moreso when the Polo Grounds burned down in 1904.

4. Who are the inductees of the [National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum](#) in [Cooperstown, New York](#) and played for the New York Giants?

[John McGraw](#), [Mel Ott](#), [Bill Terry](#), [Willie Mays](#), [Monte Irvin](#), [Frankie Frisch](#), [Ross Youngs](#) and [Travis Jackson](#) Who are the W

5. During the club's tenure in New York, how many Pennants and World Series titles were captured?

It won five of the franchise's eight World Series wins and 17 of its 23 National League pennants.

5. Can you name some famous Giants history moments?

Famous moments in the Giants' New York history include the [1922 World Series](#), in which the Giants swept the Yankees in four games, [Bobby Thomson](#)'s 1951 home run known as the "[Shot Heard 'Round the World](#)", and the defensive feat by [Willie Mays](#) during the first game of the [1954 World Series](#) known as "[the Catch](#)".