

The Diamond

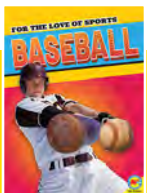
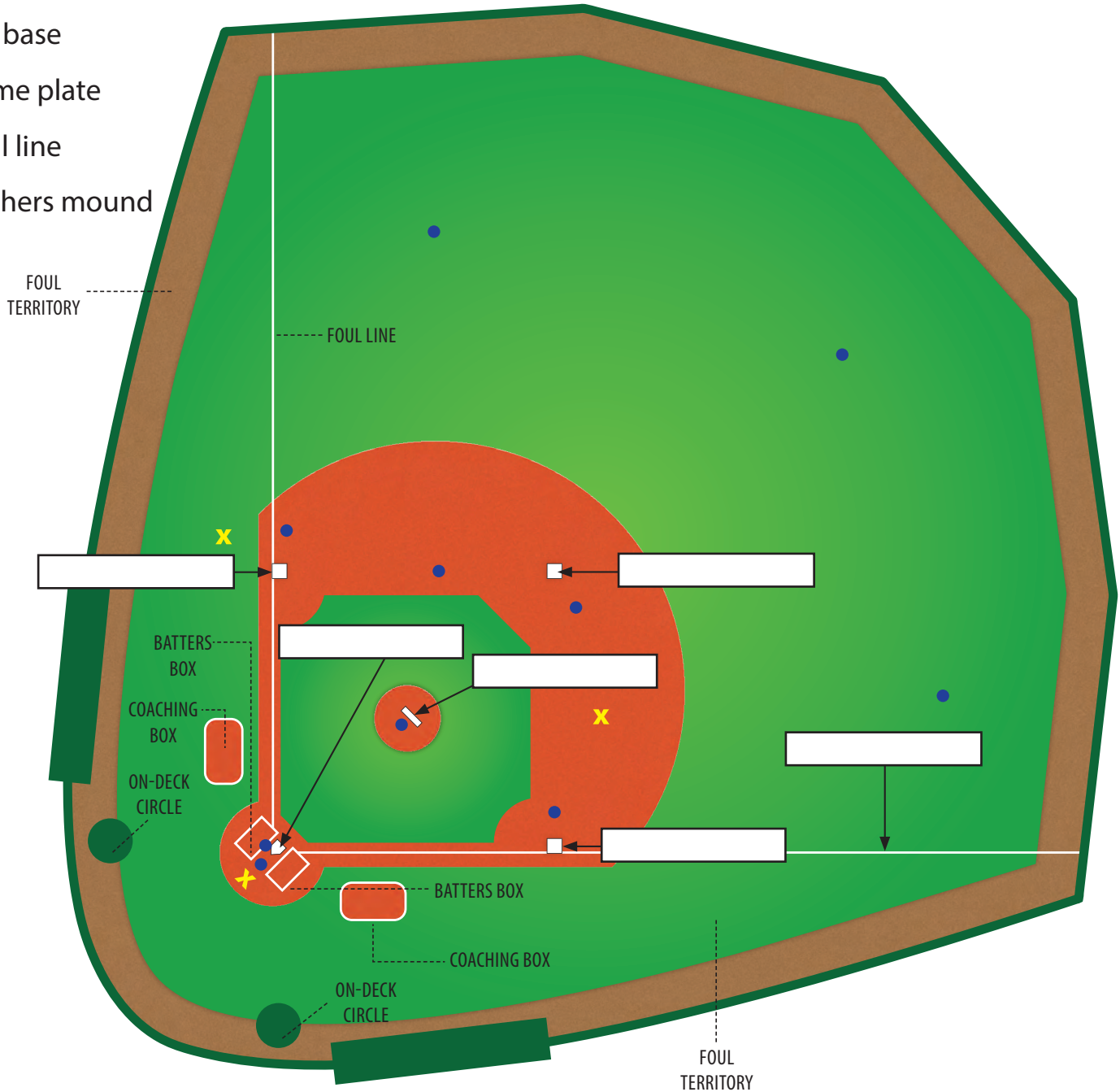
Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Fill in the blanks in this diagram of a baseball diamond.

- a. 1st base
- b. 2nd base
- c. 3rd base
- d. Home plate
- e. Foul line
- f. Pitchers mound



True or False

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Using the information in *Baseball*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1 Baseball players warm up their arms by swinging them in big circles at their sides. True False Page Number

Statement 2 Rules created by Alexander Cartwright included the number of bases and the time between innings. True False Page Number

Statement 3 The throw from second base to first or third is fairly long compared to other parts of the diamond or field. True False Page Number

Statement 4 In 1987, Jackie Robinson's jersey number was retired. True False Page Number

Statement 5 After Little League, players often play on college or university teams. True False Page Number



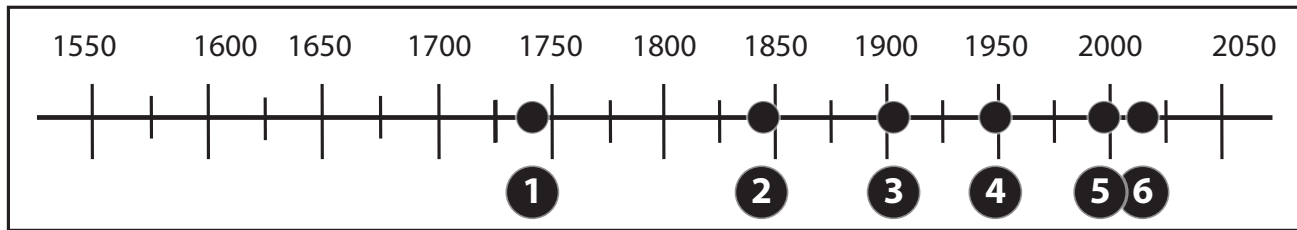
Timeline

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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline. Write the number in the box beside each event. Check your answers with page 17 of the book.



The first World Series is held between the Boston Americans and the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Americans win the series 5–3.

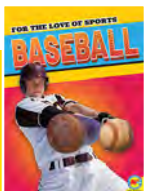
Jackie Robinson joins the Brooklyn Dodgers as the first African American MLB player. He receives the Rookie of the Year award for his skilled play.

A game called “base-ball” appears in an illustrated book in England. Instead of flat bags, the game uses posts as bases.

A strike by MLB players lasts for 234 games and causes the first canceled World Series since 1904.

The Boston Red Sox defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5–1 in Game 5 of the World Series to win their ninth title in franchise history.

Alexander Cartwright’s version of baseball is created, using a harder ball than previous forms of the game. This “New York” game becomes the most popular version of baseball after the Civil War.



Complete the statements by entering the correct number in the box.

There have been this many splash hits in San Francisco Giants history.

7

Most baseball bats only weigh up to this many ounces.

33

Ken Griffey, Jr. has won this many Gold Glove awards in a row.

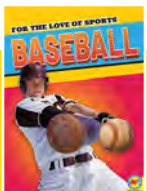
83

The lifespan of a major league baseball is about this many pitches.

78

In 1884, the St. Louis Maroons set a record by winning this percent of their games.

10



Fill in the Blanks

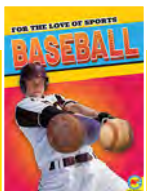
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Use the information found in *Baseball* to help you complete the following activity.

1. The is where batters run from base to base.
2. Many U.S. presidents, including Woodrow Wilson in 1916, have thrown a to mark the beginning of each baseball season.
3. A is a short hit laid down close to home plate.
4. The team in the field tries to stop the players from by getting them out.
5. Major League teams players for their lower teams.
6. Umpires use to show their calls during a game.



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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KEY WORDS

bunts	innings	strike zone
cleats	shale	tagging up
double plays	sliding	
draft	strikes	



%

1.

the selection of a player for a stronger team

2.

shoes with rubber or plastic spikes on the bottom

3.

hits that are knocked softly into the infield

4.

the division of a game in which each team has a turn at bat and in the field

5.

red, fine-grained rock that is often used in the infield

6.

pitches that fall between the batters' knees or ankles, are swung at unsuccessfully, or are fouled off but not caught

7.

any part of home plate between the batter's knees and armpits when using a normal batting stance

8.

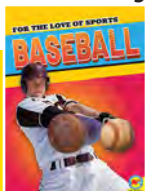
throwing one's body, usually feet first, along the ground to try to avoid being tagged out

9.

when the runner goes back to the bag, and then runs to the next base after the ball is touched by a fielder

10.

when two base runners are called out on the same play



Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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1 Who was the first player to hit at least 25 home runs for six different teams?

2 What is the umpire's job?

3 Which team has won the most World Series titles?

4 How many outs is the batting team allowed?

5 What is a bunt?

6 Which positions are infielders?

7 When was the first World Series held?

8 Where are catchers positioned?

9 What is the infield?

10 What are baseball bats made from?

