The Brewers Are Champions! (November 1, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

ℹ️ **What?** The Milwaukee Brewers have won the World Series, the major championship that crowns the best professional baseball team in North America. 🎉

👤 **Who?** The Brewers players, who defeated the Tampa Bay Rays four games to one, with catcher William Contreras named the series' Most Valuable Player (MVP). ⚾

🌍 **Where?** The final game was played in St. Petersburg, Florida, in the United States, while thousands of fans celebrated at the Brewers' home stadium in Milwaukee.

🕰️ **When?** On Wednesday, October 28, 2026, following a 4–1 victory in the fifth game.

❓ **Why is it important?** This is the very first title for the Brewers—a team founded in 1969—who had lost their only other World Series appearance back in 1982. 🏆

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn a bit more about baseball, the World Series, and the city of Milwaukee.**

OBJECTIVES

- Discover the Brewers' first World Series victory
- Discover memorable World Series stories
- Read William Contreras's statistics card
- Calculate a batting average and a percentage
- Discover the history of the Commissioner's Trophy
- Answer inference questions

SUBJECTS

- **Mathematics**
  - Reading a statistics table
  - Division and decimal numbers
  - Percentages
- **English**
  - Understanding an informational text
  - Inference
  - Written answers
- **Social Studies / Culture**
  - History of baseball
  - Professional sports in North America
  - Sports traditions and symbols

COMPETENCIES

- Read and understand an informational text
- Read and interpret a data table
- Perform calculations
- Make inferences
- Connect pieces of information
- Search for information online

DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes

GETTING STARTED

- Ask the child whether they know baseball and have ever watched a game
- Ask them what they know about the rules: how does a team score a run?
- Show them the photo of the Brewers' celebration and ask what story it tells
- Ask them why, in their opinion, a very first win can mean so much to a city

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — World Series Anecdotes. Reading a short text presenting four astonishing World Series stories, then answering four comprehension questions.

Q1 — A violent earthquake struck the San Francisco area.
Q2 — "Mr. October."
Q3 — The goat smelled too bad.
Q4 — He pitched the only "perfect game" in World Series history: none of the 27 opposing batters reached first base.

STEP 2 — William Contreras, World Series Most Valuable Player. Reading William Contreras's statistics card, then calculating batting averages and a percentage.

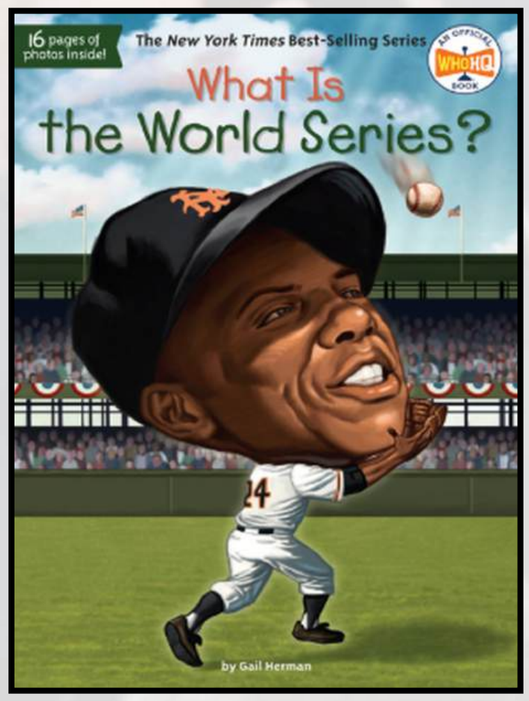
Q5 — 21 (accept 23 if the child counts the 2 walks).
Q6 — 7 + 1 + 0 + 0 + 2 = 10.
Q7 — 3 ÷ 5 = 0.600.
Q8 — (7 + 1 + 0 + 0) ÷ 21 = 8 ÷ 21 = 0.381.
Q9 — 0.381 × 100 = 38.1%.

STEP 3 — The Commissioner's Trophy. Reading fifteen facts about the Commissioner's Trophy, then answering five inference questions.

Q10 — 30 teams (one flag per team).
Q11 — Because the Commissioner of Major League Baseball presents the trophy to the championship team.
Q12 — Because a new trophy is made for the winners every year.
Q13 — 2026 − 2000 + 1 = 27 trophies (trap: 26 if the child forgets to count the year 2000).
Q14 — The Florida Marlins.

WRAPPING UP

- Review what the child has learned
- Discuss what surprised them the most (the goat's curse, the perfect game, a new trophy every year)
- Ask them why, in their opinion, William Contreras was named Most Valuable Player
- Suggest watching a baseball game together and following one player's statistics



FURTHER EXPLORATION

📖 Gail Herman. *What Is the World Series?* Penguin Young Readers Group

EXPLORERS PLUS — A Century of Champions

1 — 1900–1902: no World Series yet.
1904: the Giants refused to play.
1994: players' strike.
2 — 27 titles; 27 ÷ 122 ≈ 22.1%.
3 — The Yankees, from 1949 to 1953.
4 — No: the Milwaukee Braves, in 1957.
5 — The Toronto Blue Jays, 1992 and 1993.
Challenge — The 1980s (9 different champions).

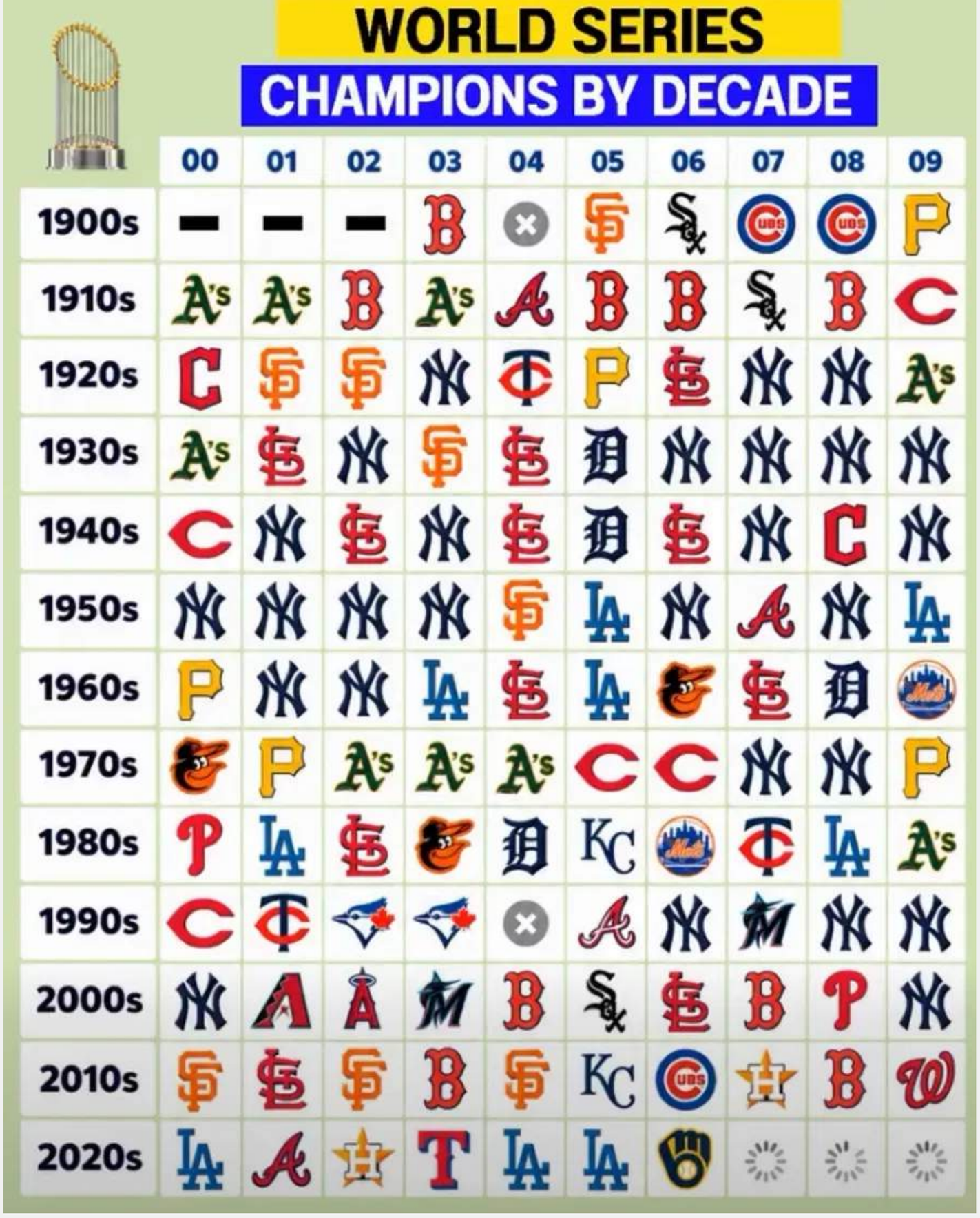
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A Century of Champions

Since 1903, one team has won the World Series each year. This grid displays all the champions, decade by decade. Each logo represents a team—take a close look!

Note: The grid uses current-day logos. Some teams have relocated! For instance, the Braves played in Milwaukee from 1953 to 1965 before moving to Atlanta.

1. There were no champions from 1900 to 1902, and there is an ✖ for 1904 and 1994. Why? (The link at the bottom of the page might help you!)
2. The New York Yankees are the team that has won the most often. How many World Series have they won? What percentage of all World Series played since 1903 does this represent? Round to the nearest tenth.



3. Which team has won the most consecutive times? During which years?
4. Are the Brewers the first team to bring a title to the city of Milwaukee?
5. Only one team from outside the United States has won the World Series. Which one, and in which years?

Challenge!

Which decade has the highest number of different champions?

Need help?
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Series