

Directions: Read the selection.

## The Cyclone



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Cy Young was an outstanding baseball player. He was a pitcher who had a strong right arm. He played for many major league teams. He played for the Cleveland Indians. He played for the St. Louis Cardinals. He pitched for the Boston Red Sox. He pitched for the Boston Braves.

He set many records. He set a record for most wins. He set a record for most innings pitched. He set a record for most games started and completed. Young played 22 years of professional baseball. He started when he was 22 and stopped when he was 44.

Cy Young was born in Gilmore, Ohio, in 1867. He was raised on a farm. As a child, he was athletic. He liked to throw rocks. He always hit what he aimed at. He said that all the Youngs were good throwers.

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Cy's real name was Denton Young. He got his nickname because he threw like a cyclone. The nickname got shortened to Cy. "It just stuck," Cy said when asked about his name.

In 1904 Cy pitched a perfect game. That means the other team got no hits. It also means more than that. He pitched the entire game and not one batter he faced reached first base at all. This was, and still is, a very difficult thing to do. Cy was proud. He said, "A pitcher's got to be good and he's got to be lucky to get a no-hit game."

The crowds **treasured** Cy. They would come and cheer him on. Thousands of people turned out when Cy pitched against the All-Stars. There wasn't room enough in the **stadium** for everyone.

Cy was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1937. This was a great honor. Major League Baseball honored him again after he died. In 1956 the Cy Young Award was created. This award goes every year to the best pitchers in baseball. The award was created one year after Cy passed away at the age of 88.

Word Bank
<b>treasured</b> — liked a lot, valued highly
<b>stadium</b> — sports arena

**Directions: Use the selection to answer questions 16 – 21.**

16. Why did the crowds come to see Cy Young?

- A. He grew up on a farm.
- B. He liked to throw rocks.
- C. He was a wonderful pitcher.

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17. Where was Cy Young born?

- A. He was born in St. Louis.
- B. He was born in Gilmore.
- C. He was born in Cleveland.

18. The following sentence is from the selection.

“Cy Young was an **outstanding** baseball player.”

What does **outstanding** mean?

- A. kindly
- B. tall
- C. great

19. This paragraph is from the selection.

“He set many records. He set a record for most wins. He set a record for most innings pitched. He set a record for most games started and completed. Young played 22 years of professional baseball. He started when he was 22 and stopped when he was 44.”

What question is answered in this paragraph?

- A. What records did Cy Young set?
- B. How many games did Cy Young pitch?
- C. Why was Cy Young given his nickname?

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20. Number the events in Cy Young's life in the order that they happened.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cy was elected to the Hall of Fame.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cy pitched a perfect game.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Cy Young Award was created.

21. An important idea from the reading selection is that Cy Young was an excellent pitcher.

What detail from the selection supports this idea?

- A. Cy's real name was Denton Young.
- B. Cy played for many different teams.
- C. Cy set a record for most wins.

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