

Casey At the Bat
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Comprehension Worksheet

Directions: Complete each section as you read through the poem *Casey At the Bat*.

Complete questions #1 - #7 after reading the *first* stanza.

1. What sport are the Mudville nine playing? _____
2. How many innings were already played? _____
3. What was the score? _____
4. Was the Mudville team winning or losing? _____
5. What does it mean when it says that Cooney 'died' at first? _____
6. Was Barrows out or safe at first? _____
7. How many outs are there? _____

Complete questions #8 - #10 after reading the *second* and *third* stanza.

8. Why did a few fans leave before the very end of the game? _____

9. Who was up to bat before Casey? _____
10. Did the fans have any confidence in Flynn's or Jimmy Blake's ability? How do you know?

Complete questions #11 - #14 after reading the *fourth* stanza.

11. What base did Flynn reach after he batted? _____
12. What does 'tore the cover off the ball' mean? _____
13. Which bases were the players on? _____
14. What does 'a-hugging third' mean? _____

Complete questions #15 & #16 after reading the *fifth* stanza.

15. How many fans were still at the game? _____
16. How do we know the fans had confidence in Casey's ability? _____
