

Be Chart Smart

Directions: Read the Scholastic News Online story about the World Series (“Yankees Win Their 27th World Series”). Then look at the chart below. It lists the 10 Major League Baseball teams that have played most often in the World Series. Use the chart to answer the questions.

Top World Series Teams, 1903 to 2009

| TEAM | LEAGUE | NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE WORLD SERIES | NUMBER OF WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS | LAST WORLD SERIES WIN |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| New York Yankees | American | 40 | 27 | 2009 |
| Los Angeles Dodgers | National | 18 | 6 | 1988 |
| St. Louis Cardinals | National | 17 | 10 | 2006 |
| San Francisco Giants | National | 16 | 5 | 1954 |
| Oakland Athletics | American | 14 | 9 | 1989 |
| Boston Red Sox | American | 11 | 7 | 2007 |
| Detroit Tigers | American | 10 | 4 | 1984 |
| Chicago Cubs | National | 10 | 2 | 1908 |
| Cincinnati Reds | National | 9 | 5 | 1990 |
| Atlanta Braves | National | 9 | 3 | 1995 |

Source: Baseball Almanac.

- How many years ago did the Atlanta Braves last win the World Series? _____
- Find the team that has played in the World Series twice as many times as the Cincinnati Reds. Which league does that team belong to? _____
- Which team on the chart has the most World Series losses? _____
- Name two teams that have won exactly one third of the World Series in which they have played. _____
- Which team on the chart has gone the longest without winning a World Series?

 - How long has it been since that team won? _____
- How many World Series wins do the National League teams on the chart have in all?

- How many times have the Detroit Tigers played in the World Series? _____
 - What percent of those times did they win the championship? _____