

**Name:**

## Day One

# Baseball Nation

### Part 1: Silent read

→ Find out about a Nation of loyal fans. Read silently.

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Fans can even be found in Alaska. Here, 3,000 miles from Boston, is the Far From Fenway Fan Club. Maria is a member. "I come from a Red Sox family," she says. "We pay a lot to be able to stream all their games."

If you're like Maria in Alaska, you don't have a local MLB team to root for. All over the South, people tune in to Atlanta Braves games. In Nevada, there are no hometown MLB teams. Baseball fans cheer for San Diego. There are other surprises, too. The Yankees are big in North Carolina and Florida. That's hundreds of miles from the Yankees' home in the Bronx.

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## Part 2: First timed read

WPM \_\_\_\_\_

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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is Red Sox Nation? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the Far From Fenway Fan Club located?  
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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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