

Fenway Park opens

1912 | Grade 2 · Read & notice

Words to know

community — people connected by a place or something they share

record — information kept so people can use it later

change — become different

Look closely



Fenway Park in Boston, photographed in April 2016.

Read the story

Fenway Park opened in Boston in 1912. The Red Sox played there and won the World Series that year. Generations of fans have connected memories with the ballpark.

Think, talk, and show evidence

1. What happened in this reading? Tell one fact.
2. Who or what is this reading mostly about?
3. Choose a word from the word bank. Explain it in your own words.
4. Look at the picture and its caption. What does it help you notice? Is it from the time of the event?

Follow-up reading: John F. Kennedy is born

1917

John F. Kennedy was born in Brookline in 1917. He later represented Massachusetts in Congress and became president. His birthplace is now a national historic site.

How are the two readings alike or different? Tell a partner one connection. Which event came first?

Teacher guide & source trail

Original classroom adaptation. Suggested reading levels are instructional choices, not standardized readability certifications. Use professional judgment and learner feedback.

ELA practice: RI.2.1: ask and answer questions; RI.2.2: identify a main topic; RI.2.7: use images and words; W.2.2 and SL.2.1: explain and discuss.

These tasks support selected skills in the [Massachusetts 2017 ELA framework](#); they do not establish mastery of an entire standard.

Answer guidance

Factual anchor: Fenway Park opened in Boston in 1912. The Red Sox played there and won the World Series that year. Generations of fans have connected memories with the ballpark. A familiar stadium still changes over time. Compare photographs, seating, and rules for access. Sports history includes workers, neighborhoods, and excluded participants as well as celebrated players.

Accept accurate main ideas and explanations supported by the text. Vocabulary meanings are in the opening word bank. For picture questions, use the caption and credit below; distinguish what is visible from what is inferred. For comparison, accept a specific connection supported by both readings. Do not require personal accounts of trauma.

Continue the inquiry

[Research source for this event ↗](#)

[Research source for follow-up ↗](#)

[Event page, accessible HTML reading, and vocabulary game ↗](#)

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