

#1 Overview

- Each class is based on the concept of providing a positive and meaningful experience for the participant.
- Focus on what the participant is experiencing and feeling *during* the time spent.
- Your job as the leader is to encourage curiosity and conversation.



#2 “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”

Beginning in the middle ages, winding its’ way through England and finally arriving in the new America, some form of the game of baseball has been around for a really long time. Through the decades baseball has gone through its share of changes, from tagging a player out by actually hitting him with the ball, to the expansion era, to free agency. The sport has always been popular and it always will be. Great legends like Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson changed the game and along the way helped us understand our country and ourselves a little better.

#3

Suggestions for leading a class:

Most slides have a question for you to ask the participant. The question is either at the top of the page or in a tan colored speech balloon at the side of the slide. The answers to the questions pop up by “paging down.”

The questions will help you navigate through the slides and promote conversation with the participant

Use the questions in a friendly and comfortable way

There is no right or wrong answer; if the participant gives you an incorrect response do not correct but instead reinforce their participation. Pat their hand or touch their shoulder and say something like, “great point,” “very interesting,” or “I hear what you are saying.” Another option is to “reframe” their answer using different words. Remember to smile.

#4 Extra Questions for Discussion

Did you have a favorite team growing up?

- Were you able to go to a ballpark as a youngster and see a game?

Why do you think America is so fascinated with baseball?

- It is a game that almost everyone can play and for the most part, understand
- Hot dogs, peanuts, cracker jacks and the song, “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” all create feelings of nostalgia and patriotism

Why do we call baseball “America’s National Pastime?”

- Listening to a baseball game on the radio or watching it on TV used to be very popular
- Baseball is a game that America perfected; high salaries, colorful uniforms and of course, The World Series

The best known player of all time is Babe Ruth. Do you agree with this or think another player was better?

- Who would that be?