We’ll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente
By Trudie Engel
Genre: Biography
Focus Skill: Draw Conclusions  Focus Strategy: Adjust Reading Rate

Directions: After reading the story “We’ll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente” by Trudie Engel, answer the questions with information from the text.

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<th>1.) What is the genre of this selection?</th>
<th>A biography is the story of a person’s life written by another person. (p. 140)</th>
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<th>2.) What did Roberto Clemente want to be the 11\textsuperscript{th} major league player to do in 1972?</th>
<th>By 1972, only ten players in the history of baseball had gotten 3,000 hits. Roberto badly wanted to be number 11. (p. 142)</th>
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<th>3.) Why did Clemente miss a lot of games during the 1972 season?</th>
<th>But during much of the season, Roberto was either hurt or sick. He had the flu, a stomach virus, trouble with his heels. He lost 10 pounds and had to wear a uniform that belonged to a thinner teammate. (p. 142)</th>
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4.) Why didn’t people think he could get 3,000 hits in the 1972 season?

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By the middle of August, Roberto had missed almost half of the Pirates’ games. People stopped talking about 3,000 hits. There just weren’t enough games left in the season, they thought.

(p. 142)

5.) Why was Clemente taken out of the game after his 2,999th hit?

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He hit a single to right field. It was hit number 2,999. Right away, Roberto was taken out of the lineup. Everyone wanted him to get the 3,000th hit in Pittsburgh in front of the hometown fans.

(p. 143)

6.) Why did the Pirates fans feel cheated?

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Suddenly, everyone became quiet. The H disappeared. An E for error went up on the scoreboard.

(p. 145)
7.) What team did Clemente get his 3,000th hit against?

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The next day, Jon Matlack pitched for the Mets. That was bad news for Roberto. (p. 145)

8.) What terrible event occurred in Nicaragua in 1972?

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A giant earthquake hit the biggest city in Nicaragua. Over 6,000 people were killed. Another 20,000 were hurt. (p. 147)

9.) According to the selection, how did Clemente help a fourteen-year-old Nicaraguan boy?

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While he was there, Roberto heard about a fourteen-year-old boy who had a terrible thing happen to him. He had lost both of his legs in an accident. The boy’s parents had died. He needed artificial legs but had no money to pay for them. A team in the Puerto Rican Winter League had raised part of the money the boy needed. Roberto himself gave the rest. (p. 147)
10.) How was Clemente’s father a role model for Roberto?

Caring about others who had less than he did was nothing new for Roberto. He had followed his father’s teachings.

(p. 147)

11.) Why did Clemente help get supplies to the people of Nicaragua?

Roberto was kind to people…..

So no one was surprised when Roberto started helping people in Nicaragua after the earthquake.

(p. 148)

12.) What is the tone of this selection?

On opening day of 1973, the Pirates scoreboard read, “Thank you, Roberto. We will never forget THE GREAT ONE.”

(p. 152)
13.) Where was Roberto Clemente going when he died? Why was he going there?

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14.) How does the title of the story tell you that people valued Roberto Clemente as a person?

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