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## TOOLS OF IGNORANCE QUIZ

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For the purposes of this quiz, a catcher is defined as a player who played 45% or more of his career as a catcher. Each name is one point.

1. Who was the first catcher inducted into the Hall of Fame (as a player)?

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2. Who was the most recent catcher inducted into the Hall of Fame?

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3. Name the only three Negro League catchers in the Hall of Fame (who did not play in integrated baseball). One is possibly the greatest catcher of all time, one hailed from Luling, Texas, just southeast of Austin, and one was from Fort Worth.

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4. One of the answers to #3 had the highest career OPS among catchers? Which catcher had the second highest career OPS?

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5. Which catcher had the worst OPS of all time (minimum 1,000 plate appearances)?

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6. This former Dodger has the highest postseason OPS among catchers with 50+ postseason plate appearances.

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7. This two-time MVP award winner has the highest postseason OPS among catchers with 150+ postseason plate appearances.

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8. Of the top 5 catchers in career innings caught, these two are eligible but not in the Hall of Fame.

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9. This catcher gave up the most stolen bases among catchers who played after 1945.

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10. This catcher caught the most runners stealing among catchers who played after 1945.

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11. This catcher has the most Gold Gloves.

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12. Which active catcher has the most Gold Gloves?

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13. Which catcher had the most MVP shares?

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14. Which catcher had the second most MVP shares, yet never won an MVP award?

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15. Which catcher had the most MVP shares among catchers not currently in the Hall of Fame?

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16. This catcher has the highest caught stealing percentage of all time (minimum 1,000 innings caught).

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17. Which catcher willed the ball fair for a home run to end Game 6 of the 1975 World Series?

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18. Which catcher was behind the plate for the home run in #17?

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19. Which catcher chased Pedro Martinez with a game-tying double in Game 7 of the 2003 ALCS?

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20. These two leaders in games caught for catchers have the same nickname.

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21. Which catcher who had the satanic OPS of .666 was more famous for his Rain Delay Theater and winning the 1983 World Series MVP award?

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22. Which catcher attempted to catch a grapefruit dropped from a plane, but believing it to be a baseball, thought he had been mortally wounded when it splattered all over him?

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23. Which former broadcaster was the youngest catcher ever to play in MLB?

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24. This catcher hit a home run in his first career at bat and his first All Star at bat.

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25. Name the two Astros managers (including interim managers) who were former catchers.

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26. This former catcher has the most career wins as a manager.

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27. This former catcher who was born in France is the current leader in wins as a manager.

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28. This catcher's deep fly ball was snagged in a leaping catch against the center field wall by Chas McCormick to preserve the Astros lead in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning of Game 5 of the 2022 World Series.

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29. This Giants catcher with a politically incorrect moniker played on four pennant winners and finished in the top 10 in MVP (Chalmers Award) voting three times. A member of the Cahuilla people, he eventually earned his former nickname when he became police chief of the Mission Indian Agency.

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30. This catcher, whose surname is similar to a Hall of Fame catcher, has the most WAR of any catcher who is eligible but not in the Hall of Fame.

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