

## AMERICA'S PASTIME

### BUY ME SOME PEANUTS AND CRACKER JACKS

**DIRECTIONS:** During the late 19th and early 20th century, baseball was the most widely played sport in the country and became known as America's Pastime. Since then, many items have become part of the American and baseball culture. Read the clues below and see if you can figure out what is being described.

1. Thought to be introduced to baseball at the Polo Grounds in New York City this has become the most popular ballpark item to eat at a ballgame. In 2013 over 22 MILLION of these were served in Major League stadiums alone.
2. First played during the Seventh Inning Stretch of the 1918 World Series, this song has been played prior to most professional baseball games since World War II.
3. Eaten by soldiers in the Civil War as a source of energy, this food item became an affordable, tasty ballpark snack following the war. They are still served in the shell.
4. This caramel corn snack was first served at baseball games as early as 1896, but it's was eternally linked to the game of baseball 12 years later. In 1908 it was made famous when included in the lyrics to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."
5. This souvenir was originally created in 1971, out of hardware cloth and papier-mâché for the 1971 Iowa High School Boy's State Basketball Finals. Modern versions are made of foam with screenprinted logos that often say "We Are #1."
6. Generally used to celebrate Independence Day, these were setoff following the first Major League night game on May 24, 1935 when the Cincinnati Reds hosted the Philadelphia Phillies at Crosley Field. Now they are used throughout baseball season to draw fans and, often, to celebrate home runs.