

Jim "The Rookie" Morris
Former Professional Baseball Player

1. What was the main reason Jim Morris first got involved in sports?

- a) His parents encouraged him
- b) It helped him escape a difficult home life
- c) He wanted to become famous
- d) He had access to great sports programs in high school

Answer: _____

2. Why did Jim Morris initially choose not to sign with the Yankees after being drafted?

- a) He didn't want to play baseball professionally
- b) He had already signed with a different team
- c) He wanted to stay close to family due to his grandfather's illness
- d) He was injured at the time

Answer: _____

3. What role did Jim take on after leaving professional baseball at age 24?

- a) College professor
- b) High school teacher and coach
- c) Motivational speaker
- d) Baseball scout

Answer: _____

4. What helped inspire Jim to try out for Major League Baseball again at age 35?

- a) His college friends
- b) His students and athletes
- c) A new coach
- d) A bet with his family

Answer: _____

5. What major obstacle did Jim overcome in his later life that surprised many people?

- a) Cancer diagnosis
- b) Losing his eyesight
- c) Parkinson's disease
- d) Bankruptcy

Answer: _____

6. Which baseball player did Jim Morris say was his all-time favorite?

- a) Lou Gehrig
- b) Babe Ruth
- c) Nolan Ryan
- d) Hank Aaron

Answer: _____

7. What life rule did Jim's grandfather teach him that stayed with him?

- a) Always win at all costs
- b) Do what makes you the most money
- c) Always tell the truth and own your actions
- d) Don't worry about what others think

Answer: _____

****Written Response Questions****

8. Jim Morris talks about how perseverance shaped his journey. Describe a moment in the interview where perseverance played a key role and explain why it was important.

9. What advice does Jim give about following your dreams, especially when people doubt you? How can this advice apply to your own goals?

10. Jim gives credit to the influence of his grandparents and students. Describe how relationships with others helped him succeed, and how that might apply to your own life.
