

# Franklin Jr./Sr High School Reading Article

## Baseball Star Snaps Selfie with Fan's Phone (Tween Tribune, AP)

Reading Strategy for the Article: Students will take turns reading aloud. Mark the text and write in the margins as you read.

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**Instructions: COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS AND WRITE NOTES in the margin box. This requires reading of the article more than once.**

**Step 1: Skim** the article using these symbols as you read:

(+) agree, (-) disagree, (\*) important, (!) surprising, (?) wondering

**Step 2: Number** the paragraphs. **Read** the article **carefully** and **make notes in the margin**.

Notes should include:

- Comments that show that you **understand** the article. A summary or statement of the main idea of important sections may serve this purpose.
- Questions you have that show what you are **wondering** about as you read
- Notes that differentiate between **fact** and **opinion**.
- Observations about how the **writer's strategies** (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

**Step 3: A final quick read** noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

**Your margin notes will be assessed by your teacher along with your answers to the questions.**

## Baseball Star Snaps Selfie with Fan's Phone

Bryce Harper called this shot.

He plays for the Washington Nationals. They are a baseball team in the National League.

Harper is known for launching long home runs. He thrilled a fan at a recent game. He gestured for her cellphone. He snapped a playful selfie. Then he tossed it back into the stands.

Harper took the picture in right field at Nationals Park. It was before Washington took on the Toronto Blue Jays. It was the second game of a doubleheader. A doubleheader is where teams play each other twice on the same day.

"It was pretty good," Harper told The Associated Press. He saw the photo after the game. "Just messing around a little bit with the fans. Enjoying it with them a little bit. It's always fun."

Harper is a 22-year-old outfielder. He was looking at a group of fans taking pictures of him from their seats when he noticed Jamie Roach. Harper motioned for the retail manager from Laurel, Maryland, to flip him her phone. She was about 15 feet above. She did and he caught it.

Harper took a wide-eyed, silly faced picture of himself. Then he threw the phone

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back to her.

"I was so excited. I've never gotten a ball from him. But now I've got this picture," Roach said. "It was very awesome. Like a kid in a candy store."

Roach said she goes to about 40 games a year. She quickly sent the picture to friends and strangers at the game. The selfie was uploaded to social media sites. The Internet took it from there.

The latest All-Star voting results released by Major League Baseball showed Harper leading all National League players. He has more than 2.3 million votes.

Forget about a picture being worth 1,000 words. Expect this one to be worth oodles of extra votes and fans.

"They were trying to take a selfie with me," Harper told the AP. "I went over there and said, 'Hey, toss me the phone and I'll do it for you.'"

Harper had two hits in the game. He ranks among the major league leaders in homers. And in runs batted in and batting average.



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Comprehension Questions— you may answer in phrases.

1. What happened that resulted in the snapping of the selfie?
2. How did the picture become famous?
3. How effective is Bryce statistically?

Answer the following questions in one or more complete sentences.

1. What reasons might Bryce have had for taking the picture?
2. How did the action help Bryce?
3. What does the phrase “a picture is worth a thousand words” mean poetically and in the article?
4. What does the phrase “called the shot” mean?