

“Yesterday & Today” Quiz

Directions: Read the article “Yesterday & Today” in the November/December 2007 issue of *Storyworks*. Then fill in the circle next to the best answer for each question.

1. Why did it seem unlikely to Johnny Unitas that he would grow up to be a football star?

- a. He lacked natural talent.
- b. His family didn’t like the idea.
- c. He didn’t like to practice.
- d. He came from a less fortunate background.

2. How did Unitas’s mother set a good example for him?

- a. She worked very hard.
- b. She quit her job to raise her family.
- c. She kept the house very clean.
- d. She encouraged him to practice whenever he wanted.

3. Unitas faced all of the following challenges at the beginning of his career EXCEPT

- a. He played for a weak college team.
- b. He was scrawny for a quarterback.
- c. His new wife didn’t want him to play football.
- d. He had to balance work, family, and football.

4. On which team did Unitas rise to fame?

- a. the Pittsburgh Steelers
- b. the New Orleans Saints
- c. the Baltimore Colts
- d. the New York Giants

5. Even though Peyton Manning’s father was a football star, he knew

- a. he didn’t inherit his father’s talent.
- b. he would have to work hard to succeed.
- c. he wasn’t as good at football as his brothers.
- d. the game had changed a lot in a generation.

6. How was Manning different from other kids when he was growing up?

- a. He played with Legos.
- b. He read comic books.
- c. He spent his time studying football plays.
- d. He was always prepared for school.

7. What does “perseverance” mean in the sentence, “Over time, his perseverance paid off”?

- a. sticking to goals
- b. intelligence
- c. appetite
- d. taking advantage of others

8. Which best describes Manning’s first season in the NFL?

- a. a moderate success
- b. a challenge to keep up
- c. an embarrassing failure
- d. an instant sensation

9. Which of the following do Unitas and Manning have in common?

- a. a poor background
- b. a struggle to get into pro football
- c. a strong work ethic
- d. a successful first season

10. What was one difference between Unitas and Manning?

- a. They had a family that cared about them.
- b. They married their longtime sweethearts.
- c. They became football legends.
- d. They started off with record-breaking salaries.