

The History of *Baseball!*

Answer Key

Baseball is played as a new form of other stick-and-ball games in England. English colonists bring the game with them to their new life in America.

Baseball becomes a popular sport across the country. Players begin to form teams and clubs. Clubs in New York unite to become the first league.

Stadiums are built so fans can watch their favorite teams play.

Jackie Robinson is the first African-American baseball player in the major leagues after the “color line” rule was made. Before Robinson, African-Americans played in separate leagues.

American families begin to buy television sets for their homes, and fans begin to stay home to “watch the game”.

Now, baseball is an icon of American culture. It is often called “America's Pastime”.