

The History of *Baseball!*



Directions: Learn the history of baseball in a hands-on way! Read the history of baseball below.

Then, cut out the events on the next page and paste them into the timeline to create your own history of baseball!

Hint: Match the squares to the spaces on the timeline to put the events in the correct order.

Baseball was first played in England in the mid-1700s. It evolved from other stick-and-ball games being played at the time. English colonists brought the game with them to their new life in America.

By the 1830s, baseball had become a popular sport across the country. Baseball clubs in New York united to become the first official league. Stadiums were built so fans could watch their favorite teams play. In 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first African-American to play in the major leagues since the “color line” rule, an unofficial agreement that kept African-Americans from playing professional baseball.

In the 1940s and 50s, American families began to buy television sets for their homes. Fans began to stay home to “watch the game” on their TVs. Today, baseball is one of the nation’s most popular sports, and is often called “America's pastime”.

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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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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