

THE HISTORY OF BASEBALL



Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about the history of baseball. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can about baseball. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "History of Baseball" chart.

Make a timeline of the history of baseball. Include important events such as:

- When and where the game was invented
- Formation of minor/major league teams
- Major statistical changes/events
- First televised games
- Major innovations/changes such as the Negro league and later integration.



Create a "Baseball Hall of Fame" book or poster. Choose people throughout the history of baseball who you feel deserve to be in your "Hall of Fame." Write a brief biography of each player in your "Hall of Fame" including why the player was chosen. Include pictures in your book or on your poster.

Interview an expert about major league baseball in your city, state, or region. Make a diagram that shows the steps a city must go through to get a major league team.

On a large map of the United States, use baseball motif stickers to mark the location of all the current major and minor league teams. Include team names, colors and the date each team was organized.



- Set up an interview with a player or coach on your local major league baseball team. Write a story in the style of a sports reporter to share what you have learned. "America's pastime." Why do you think this is so? Interview several people and ask them if they agree or disagree (and why). Find a way to share the results of your survey.

- Decide where you think a new expansion team should be located. Support your decision. Make a recommendation for a team name, colors, mascot, and logo.

