



Baseball



Read the passage below and answer the questions on the next page.

Baseball is a beloved sport that has been played in the United States for more than 150 years. But where did baseball come from, and how has it evolved over time?

Baseball's origins can be traced back to England, where a game called rounders was played in the 18th century.

Rounders involved hitting a ball with a bat and running around a series of bases. The game was brought to North America by English colonists, and over time, it evolved into the sport we know today as baseball.

The first recorded baseball game was played in Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1846. The game was played between the New York Nine and the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club, and it featured many of the same elements of modern-day baseball, including nine players on each team, a diamond-shaped field, and a pitcher who threw the ball overhand.

In the years that followed, baseball grew in popularity, and it became known as America's favorite pastime. The National League, the first professional baseball league, was formed in 1876, and the American League was formed in 1901. In 1903, the first World Series was played between the winners of the National League and the American League.

Over time, baseball has continued to evolve. Rule changes, new equipment, and improvements in training and conditioning have all contributed to the sport's growth and development. Today, baseball is played at all levels, from little league to the major leagues, and it remains a beloved part of American culture.

1) Where did baseball originate according to the text?

2. What was the game that baseball evolved from?

3) When was the first recorded baseball game played, and where?

4) When was the National League formed, and what was it?

5) What is the World Series, and when was it first played?
