SCOPE OR BACKGROUND
Baseball began in the eastern United States in the mid-1800s. It has been established, that baseball was developed from an English game called “Rounders” and was not created by Abner Doubleday. After 1900 baseball became very popular in the United States. The National League was founded in 1876 and The American League in 1900.

INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC
A Baseball Century: the First 100 Years of the National League

BROWSE FOR BOOKS USING THESE CALL NUMBERS
796 – Sports
796.357 – Baseball

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND HANDBOOKS
Total Baseball: the Ultimate Encyclopedia of Baseball R 796.357 TOT
Ultimate Dictionary of Sports Quotes R 796 DEV

RULES AND EQUIPMENT
Official World Encyclopedia of Sports and Games R 796.03 OFF
Rules of the Game R 796 RUL
Sports: The Complete Visual Reference R 796 FOR

ALMANACS
ESPN sports Almanac (current year) R 796 ESP
Sports Illustrated Almanac (current year) R 796 SPO

ATLASES
Atlas of American Sport R 796.0973 ROO

BOOKS
There are many books in 796.357 section on baseball history. Below are a few select titles.

Baseball Anthology: 125 of Stories, poems, articles, etc. R 796.357 BAS
Baseball Goes to War by William Mead 796.357 MEA
Stars of the Series by Joseph Gies 796.3576 GIE
Connie Mack: Grand Old Man of Baseball 796.357 LIE
PERIODICALS THAT OFTEN CONTAIN RELEVANT ARTICLES
The following magazines are available here at the library. The most articles about baseball are written during the baseball season, which is from March to October.

ESPN
Sports Illustrated

PERIODICAL INDEXES

ACCESS WORLD NEWS  http://infoweb.newsbank.com
This database provides full-text content of local and regional newspapers. Each newspaper has its own distinctive focus offering a variety of viewpoints on local and world issues. Paid advertisements are excluded.

The following databases are available from LaSalle’s Library web page (www.lschs.org/library). You can click on the Power Library icon for either for “home access” or for “on campus” access.

MASTERFILE PREMIER  (EBSCOhost)  http://www.lschs.org/page.cfm?p=65
This multidisciplinary database provides full text for nearly 2,000 general periodicals dating as far back as 1975.

NEWSPAPER SOURCE  (EBSCOhost)  http://www.lschs.org/page.cfm?p=65
This database contains the full text for 180 regional U.S. newspapers, international newspapers, newswires, and columns.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS
“Take Me out to the Ball Game” (CD) – An action history including the voices of baseball greats, “Casey at the Bat” and the song “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”. AV 796.357 TAK

DATABASES

ABC-Clio
This database contains good articles on baseball.

American History - This resource presents the issues, perspectives, and history that have shaped our nation.  http://www.socialstudies.abc-clio.com/iplogin.asp
**Biography Resource Center**  (Gale Group)
This database contains biographies and articles on over 185,000 famous and notable people from all places and time periods.  
http://infrotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/itweb/pl6058  - note this is p "L" 6058

**Daily Life Online and World Cultures**  
This database provides a comprehensive, cross-disciplinary resource that supports history, social studies, English, and language students; gives life to history and context to current events. The are excellent essays on sports in the United States.  http://dailylife.greenwood.com/login.asp

**INTERNET WEB SITES**

Major League Baseball: the Official site  http://mlb.mlb.com
This site is the gateway to professional baseball information.

This site has historical statistics, player profiles and much more.

American Baseball directory  http://coachnick0.tripod.com/bbd/id40.html
This site has numerous links to baseball related sites.

All major league teams have websites which include team history. Type the name of the team and the word “history” in a search engine to find them


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