



Visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame

Part 1

Teacher Reads There are museums of all types—art, science, history, space. For sports fans, one museum not to miss is the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Did you ever think about visiting the Baseball Hall of
10 Fame in New York State? Many baseball fans visit there every
21 day. They can enjoy the exhibits and programs that teach
31 about baseball’s best pro players and baseball’s history.

39 If you visit the Baseball Hall of Fame, you will want
50 to look at the bronze **plaques** that **honor** the best pro
61 baseball players who have been elected to the Hall of Fame.
72 Each plaque has information about the player including:
80 name, a bronze **image** of the player, and information about
90 what they did as a player. There are pitchers, catchers, and
101 mighty hitters!

Part 2

Teacher Reads Keep reading to find out about more to see and do at the Baseball Hall of Fame.

103 The Hall got its start in 1939. **Since** then, it has displayed
115 all sorts of baseball objects. There are more than 40,000
125 baseball objects at the Hall. Many objects used belong to pro
136 players. There are bats, balls, mitts, shirts, and pants.

145 One display tells the history of baseball cards. There are
155 more than 2,000 cards to see. Some of them are judged to be
168 the best cards ever made. People who visit this exhibit can
179 make their own baseball cards on a screen.



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187 Another exhibit shows how baseball got started. People
195 played baseball in the mid-1800s. This exhibit has baseballs
205 from back then. People can also see the first catcher's mask
216 and a baseball from the first game that people paid to see.
228 The oldest baseball shirt and pants set it also on display.

Part 3

Teacher Reads Over time, baseball has been played by people from different backgrounds. Special exhibits at the Hall of Fame tell about that history.

239 In the past, baseball teams with Black players only played
249 games with other Black teams. Teams with White players
258 only played games with other White teams. In 1947, baseball
268 teams were integrated. Black and White players played on
277 the same teams. Exhibits at the Hall show Black players and
288 White players from teams that were not integrated as well as
299 players on integrated teams.

303 Other exhibits tell about players with different
310 backgrounds. Some of baseball's best players come from
318 **Latin America**. A baseball project at the Hall tells the story
329 of those players and how they have shaped the sport.
339 Women played on their own baseball teams in the past as
350 well. Their history is told in an exhibit at the Hall.

361 A visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame can be fun! There are
374 many things to see and do. There is also a ballpark for real
387 games. Baseball fans can have the trip of a lifetime. [Learn More](#)
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