

Homerun for Baseball!

1920s

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First Inning of Baseball

- really started around the Civil War
- talked about from camp to camp and eventually spread to America
- Spanish American War - soldiers took it to Cuba, Puerto Rico, islands of the Caribbean
- Japan found out after World War II

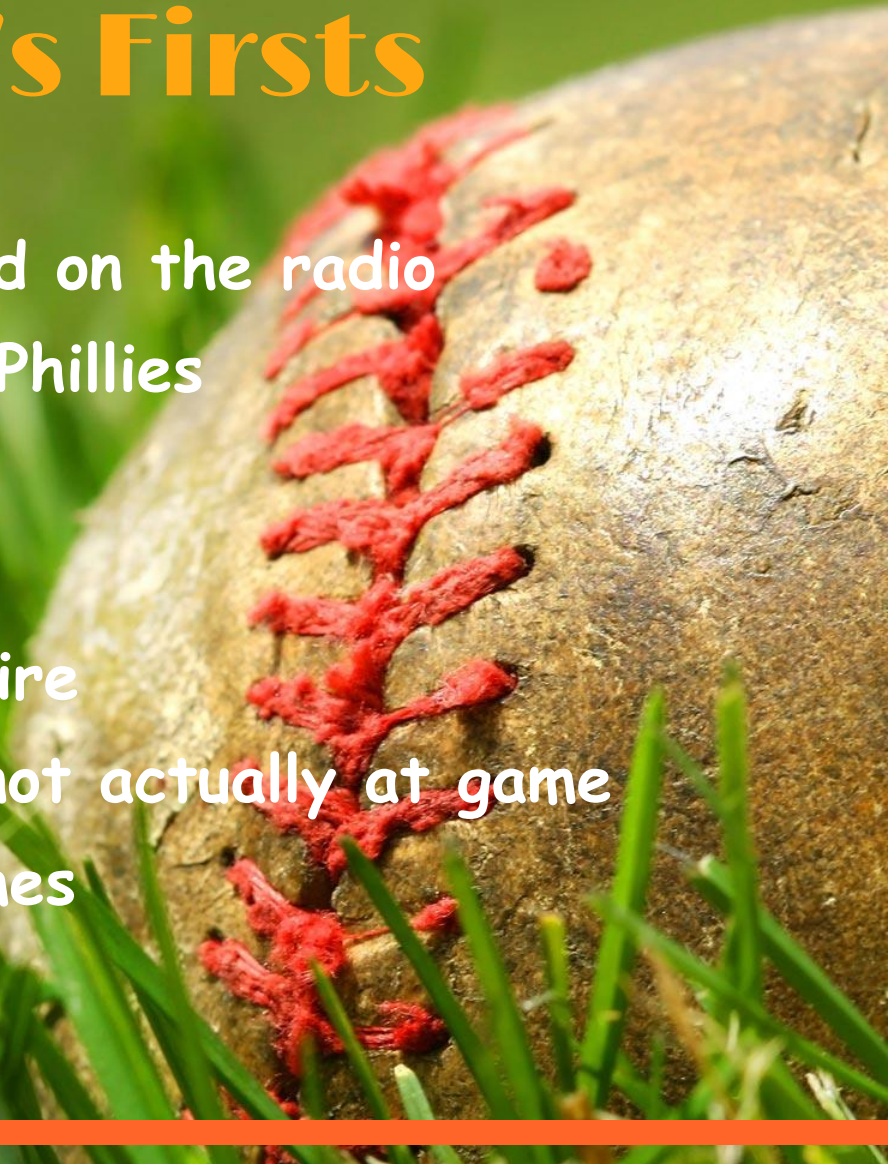
The Golden Age



- 1920s - "The Golden Age" of baseball
 - set up a foundation for future of baseball
 - Babe Ruth had such a big impact
 - 1921-1935 - Babe Ruth Era, increase in stats
- radios broadcasted games along with newspapers, devoting a whole section
- by the end of the decade, there were thirty teams
 - 70.78 average home runs per team, per season
- actual ball being made with cork center instead of being wound
- negro leagues starting to develop

Baseball's Firsts

- 1st game ever broadcasted on the radio
 - Pittsburgh Pirates and Phillies
 - Aug 5 1921
 - Pirates 8-5
 - through telegraph wire
 - broadcasters were not actually at game
 - only listen to home games



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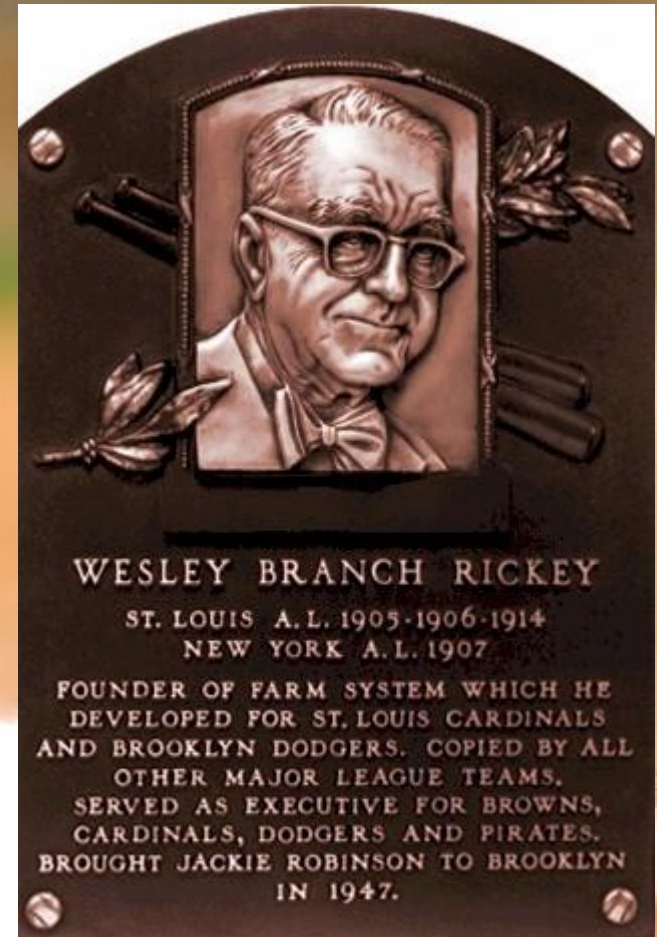
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- 1st World Series - 1903
- 1920 World Series
 - Cleveland Indians v. Brooklyn Dodgers
 - Indians won
 - only World Series triple play
 - first grand slam in World Series
 - first World Series homerun by pitcher



Branch Rickey

- was a baseball player, manager, and president
 - his concept of establishing a *farm system*
 - promoted new way of training and developing players for major league
 - pioneered utilization of baseball statistics



Branch Rickey

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- “baseball’s greatest visionary executive”

- 1945 - broke baseball’s color line by signing Jackie Robinson

- first African-American major league player

- pursued the introduction of batting helmets

- helped develop and promote protective headgear

