

## MR. BLACK'S 4TH QUARTER PROJECT PLANNING DOCUMENT

Driving Question: What would it look like if the myth that baseball was invented in Cooperstown, NY, had never been believed?

Auxiliary Questions:

- Why did so many people believe baseball had been invented in Cooperstown, NY?
- What are some other locations that make sense as the site for the Baseball Hall of Fame?
- Where would be some good alternative locations for the baseball Hall of Fame, and what would be the advantages and disadvantages of each site?
- Who were the key people that perpetuated the Cooperstown myth, and what was their role?
- Would baseball be perceived differently today by the average fan without the Cooperstown myth?
- Who investigated to prove that the Cooperstown myth was not true, and what his/her/their role?
- Could the Hall of Fame be moved today? Why or why not?
- It seems as Cooperstown continues to have support as the site of the Hall of Fame. Why is that given the fact that this myth has been disproved?
- Did the alleged connection to baseball for Abner Doubleday change his life in any significant way?
- Is baseball a better or more popular game with the myth, or would it have been better if the myth had never been created at all? Why or why not?

Book to Read: *Baseball in the Garden of Eden*, by John Thorn

Interviews -- two members of SABR

Submission Format -- Weebly website

Authentic Audience -- Through my baseball blog and connecting with other members of SABR and those that have similar interests in baseball history.

Checkpoints:

April 22nd:

- Book read
- 5 auxiliary questions answered through research

May 4th:

- Final 5 auxiliary questions answered
- Website created by not completed for the final project