

Informative Speech Outline

Introduction:

I Hook: Unlike basketball, football, or soccer, a traditional baseball game has no time limit and only ends when the required innings are finished. Just last year there was a game that was 6 hours long because the game was tied for so long.

II Preview Main Points (Tell audience what you will discuss in the body of the speech)

Today I will be talking about 3 things that dramatically changed the evolution of baseball: Those three things are the baseball bats, the gloves that they use, and finally rules that changed how the game works today.

Body:

III First I will talk about how the gloves changed over time. Now this is by far one of the biggest things that changed baseball over time. Early gloves from the 1870's-1880's were repurposed, fingerless leather work or driving gloves. These early models offered minimal palm padding and were designed strictly to knock the ball down rather than catch it.

But from the 1890's to 1900 the gloves they changed to full-fingered padded gloves became standard practice. In the 1920' someone designed a webbing system for the gloves This shifted the entire philosophy of fielding: instead of catching the ball in the painful palm, players could now catch it in a natural "pocket," dramatically decreasing defensive errors.

Now in the 1950's they developed what's called today, is a first baseman's mit. The biggest modern breakthrough came in 1957 when Wilson Sporting Goods introduced the Wilson A2000. It featured a massive pocket, a pre-curved shape, and a "snap-action" heel that allowed the thumb and fingers to close like jaws, establishing the blueprint for all contemporary gloves.

There was also a catcher's mitt which was developed earlier in the game but over time they started to put more padding in the gloves because that's when pitchers started to throw faster.

Now finally the present day gloves that players use today. They're way more advanced and makes it easier for the defensive players to not make as many errors. All the gloves today

have a natural pocket. There are even outfielding gloves and infielding gloves which are depending on the size of the glove but overall gloves changed the game drastically.

Transition: Now let's get to the offensive side of baseball.

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In baseball the hitters use a bat to hit the ball and get on base, and that's the next thing I will be talking about. Little League, little league as it sounds, is for the kids who are playing baseball as kids. Little league was developed in 1934 and back then they used wood bats like the MLB did and college players did back then as well.

But today the bat's high school and middle school kids swing look a whole lot different. They use metal bats. Now metal bats were introduced to make the game more interesting because when you hit a ball with a wood bat it doesn't go as far. So they brought it to little league to have more hitting opportunities.

Transition:

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Conclusion:

VI Summarize Main points

VII) Catchy, closing statement that ties it all up.

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