

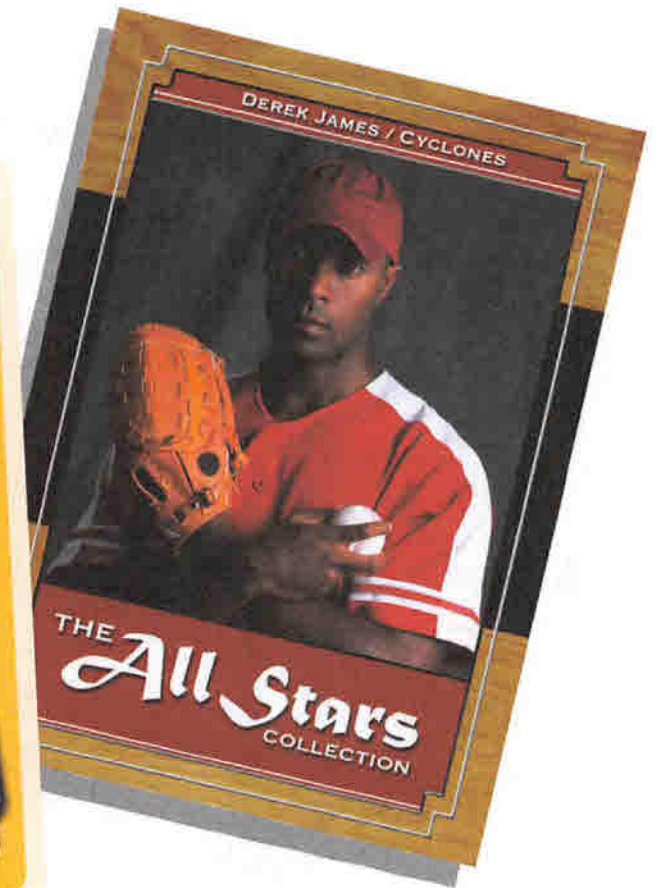
Baseball Cards

Read to learn about collecting baseball cards.

¹ In 1887, the first baseball cards were printed. The earliest fans of baseball liked to collect the cards of their favorite players. In time, they collected cards of whole teams. Most of these early collectors were adults. In fact, they were businessmen who had the time and money to go to games during the week.

² As baseball grew and changed, so did card collecting. As the game became more popular, it caught the interest of children, and so did collecting cards. A pack of cards and some candy cost just a few pennies in the early 1900s.

³ Today, some people pay thousands of dollars for very special or rare cards. For some, though, it is still a thrill to pay a few dollars for a pack of baseball cards, just to see what's inside.



1. This article is mostly about

_____ the greatest baseball teams.

_____ the history of baseball.

_____ collecting baseball cards.

2. Do you collect anything? Write about it.

3. When were the first baseball cards printed?

_____ 1887

_____ the early 1900s

_____ 1987

4. Write **T** for *true* or **F** for *false* next to each sentence below.

_____ Most early collectors were adults.

_____ People no longer collect baseball cards.

_____ Today, some people pay a lot for just one card.

_____ Baseball just became popular about 20 years ago.

5. How much did a pack of cards cost in the early 1900s?

6. Do you think a pack of cards costs more or less today? Why?
