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Swinging for the Fences: The History of Baseball from Sandlots to the Major Leagues

Short Answer Key

1. Alexander Cartwright's contributions include establishing key rules for baseball, such as the diamond-shaped field and nine-player teams.
2. Baseball spread during the Civil War as soldiers from different regions played the game, leading to its popularity in various areas.
3. In 1869, the Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first professional baseball team, marking the beginning of professional baseball.
4. Babe Ruth had a significant impact during the 1920s, known for his incredible home runs and contributing to baseball's popularity.
5. Jackie Robinson was the first African American player in MLB, breaking the color barrier and paving the way for diversity in the sport.

