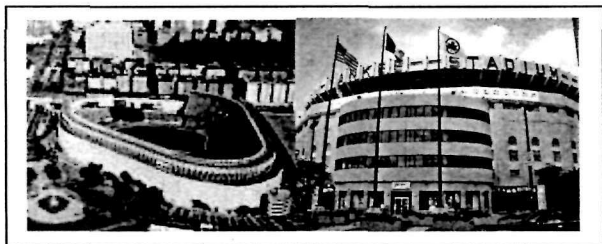


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Baseball, Liberty and Immigration



This year the baseball's Annual All Star Game will take place in the current Yankee Stadium. In 2009, new stadium's for both NY teams are scheduled to open.

The sport of baseball is often referred to as America's pastime, as it was the most widely played game during the late 18th and early 19th century. In an age, long before the internet, and yes, even television, the sport is how many literally passed their free time away.

Replicas of the Statue of Liberty have been reinvented to mark baseball's special event. The National League Liberty is here at Ellis Island and American League Liberty is at Liberty Island.

President Lyndon Johnson in a 1965 speech, designating Ellis Island a National Monument, said about immigrants: "... These men, women and children from many lands enriched the American melting pot. They made us not merely a nation, but a nation of nations".

We salute a few of the immigrant's who helped make baseball become an integral part of United States culture.