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Ancestor "Baseball" Card Student Sheet

Introduction: You probably have seen a standard baseball card or maybe a card from one of the other major sports like football, hockey or basketball. On front of the card is a picture of the player with his name and sometimes the team name. On the back of the card is biographical information about the player and usually statistics for the player's career. Your task is to select a modern crop or animal from the list below and design a "baseball" card for that plant or animal.

Directions: Using the internet, find as much information about the ancestor(s) of one of the following breeds of animal or crop plant. A list of questions is provided to assist you with your research. Be sure to find a suitable picture of the ancestor for the front of your card. Keep track of the sources you use during your research.

Crop plants you may choose:

corn	sweet potatoes	apple trees
barley	tomatoes	blueberries
wheat	potatoes	cotton
rice	green peas	

Animals you may choose:

sheep	goats	cats
dairy cattle	rabbits	chickens
beef cattle	dogs	

Questions to answer in your research:

1. What is the original ancestor that the plant/animal descended from?
2. In what area or region(s) of the world did the plant/animal become domesticated?
3. Approximately when did the plant/animal become domesticated?
4. Name three modern varieties or breeds of the plant/animal.
5. What are the uses of the modern plant/animal?

6. Are there genetically engineered varieties/breeds of the plant/animal?

7. What other information did you find about your plant/animal?

8. What sources did you use for your image and information?

“Baseball” Card Design

Using Microsoft Publisher, Word, Power Point or another similar program design a 5”x 8” index card using your information from the Internet search. Put the ancestor picture and name on the front side. On the back, write a biography of the plant/animal and a list of pertinent information. Print your design. Cut and glue to an index card.