

# Kid Scoop

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## Jackie Robinson

### BREAKING THE COLOR BARRIER

Baseball Hall of Famer, Jackie Robinson probably changed baseball more than any other player—not by skill alone, but by who he was as a person.

Biographical information on today's page verified by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum: [baseballhall.org](http://baseballhall.org)



#### A Rough Beginning

Jack "Jackie" Roosevelt Robinson was born in rural Georgia in 1919. He was the grandson of slaves. His \_\_\_\_\_ were sharecroppers, whose lives were not much better than those of his grandparents.

Jackie could only go to the \_\_\_\_\_ pool one day a week. He had to sit in a special \_\_\_\_\_ at the movie theater. Their white neighbors cursed the Robinsons and even threw rocks at them. Why? Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of their skin.

When Jackie was one year old, his father left the family, leaving his mother to \_\_\_\_\_ five children alone. His mother took the family and her \_\_\_\_\_ for a better life to Pasadena, Calif., where her brother lived. But things weren't always good there either.

In Jackie Robinson's life, he \_\_\_\_\_ many people who were \_\_\_\_\_ against blacks. They felt that black people should not have the same \_\_\_\_\_ as white people.

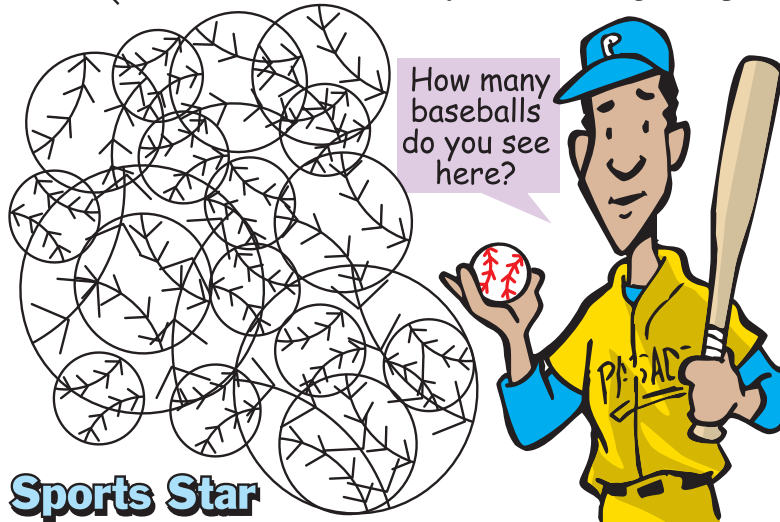
The baseball knocked some words out of this story. Find where each word belongs.

ENCOUNTERED SECTION RAISE PUBLIC COLOR PARENTS PREJUDICED FREEDOMS HOPES

Standards Link: Civics: Know instances in which political conflict in the U.S. has been divisive and reasons for this division [e.g., civil rights struggles].

#### Sports: A Path to Change

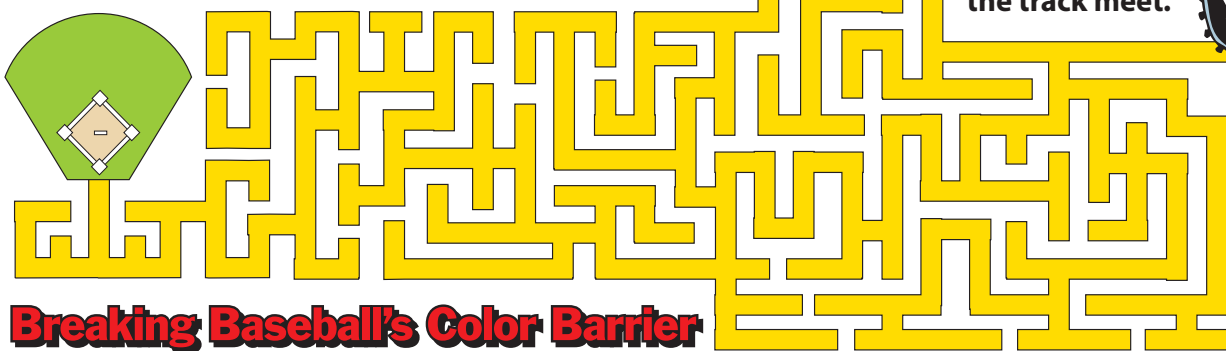
When Jackie started school he found something he was very good at—sports. He liked to play hard. He liked to win. He found out that by winning in sports he got respect from the white children. He liked this feeling and vowed he would always work hard to gain respect.



#### Sports Star

By the time he was in high school, Jackie led the football, basketball, baseball and track teams. In 1938, when he was a student at Pasadena Junior College, Jackie led his college teammates to victory in a track meet and a baseball game held 40 miles apart on the same day!

Help Jackie get to the baseball game from the track meet.

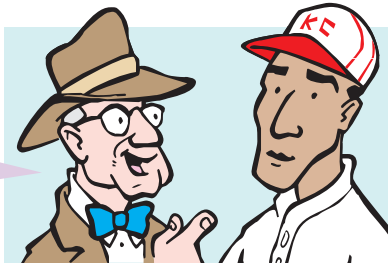


#### Breaking Baseball's Color Barrier

After college, Jackie went into the Army. When he got out he signed on with a baseball team in the Negro Leagues. At that time, black players were not allowed in the all-white Major Leagues.

Rickey said to Jackie ...

I'm looking for a ballplayer with guts enough not to fight back.



What do you think he meant by that?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write responses to text.

#### Helping Others

What made Jackie Robinson great is not only what he accomplished for himself, but what he made possible for other people. Search the newspaper to identify individuals who are working to make life better for other people. Name the individuals and then summarize their actions and the possible benefits to others.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries of text.

#### Kid Scoop Puzzler

##### A Timeline of Ending Segregation

In 1947, Jackie Robinson was ahead of his time when it came to ending segregation in Major League Baseball. Use the code to find out the order in which the following were integrated.

CODE	0 = ▼	5 = ★
	1 = ◆	6 = ✕
	2 = ⋄	7 = ↗
	3 = *	8 = ■
	4 = ♥	9 = ▲

◆ ▲ ♥ ■ U.S. Armed Forces are integrated

◆ ▲ ★ ♥ Segregated schools declared illegal

◆ ▲ ★ ▲ The last Major League Baseball team is integrated

Standards Link: History: Students know that a timeline records significant events in chronological order.

#### Double Double Word Search

- ILLEGAL
- PASADENA
- BROTHER
- RESPECT
- MAJOR
- BRANCH
- FIRST
- DODGERS
- MOVIE
- SKIN
- JACKIE
- MILES
- ROOSEVELT
- POSE
- ROBINSON

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

J	A	B	R	R	O	J	A	M	T
L	B	R	O	T	H	E	R	L	A
A	T	A	B	P	O	S	E	F	N
G	C	N	I	C	S	V	I	E	
E	E	C	N	K	E	I	K	R	D
L	P	H	S	S	L	S	C	S	A
L	S	M	O	V	I	E	A	T	S
I	E	O	N	R	M	O	J	B	A
N	R	S	R	E	G	D	O	D	P

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

#### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

##### Action News

Select a photograph in today's sports pages and try to imitate and hold the pose of a person in the photograph. Then, have a friend or family member give it a try.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic non-locomotor skills.



## What is a baseball dog?

ANSWER: A dog that catches flies, chases fowls, and runs for home when he sees the catcher.

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