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## Day Two

# Jackie Robinson and the Negro Leagues



### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- The crowd yells as Jackie runs through first base
  - that he did not care if people liked or disliked him
  - predated his joining the Dodgers
  - the Negro Leagues declined
  - preserves the Leagues' rich history
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- Monarchs                      **MAHN** | arks
  - Negro Leagues                **NEE** | groh    **LEEGZ**
  - professional                 pruh | **FEH** | shun | ul
  - segregated                    **SEG** | rih | gay | tid



### Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. Underline the time prefix – the prefix comes before the base word. The first one is done for you.

postseason      recall                      predated                      readjusted



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Part 2: Last read

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Jackie Robinson’s bat hits the ball with a loud “Crack!” The crowd yells as Jackie runs through first base and on to second. It is 1947, and Jackie Robinson is playing his first game with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Jackie Robinson was the first African American on a major league baseball team. It was not	54
easy for Robinson. Many White players and fans wanted to prevent Black players from	68
joining the major leagues. But other players on Robinson’s team supported him. Robinson	81
once said that he did not care if people liked or disliked him. He said, “All I ask is that you	102
respect me as a human being.”	108

Robinson was an amazing player and refused to quit. He went on to win rookie of the year.	126
That year, the Dodgers made it to the postseason and played in the World Series. Now, when	143
fans think of baseball in 1947, they recall Jackie Robinson.	153

But Robinson’s baseball career predated his joining the Dodgers. Before the Dodgers, Robinson	166
played for the Kansas City Monarchs. The Monarchs were a team in the Negro Leagues. At this	183
point, professional baseball was segregated. African Americans could not play in the major	196
leagues. So Black players had separate, minor-league teams. They traveled around the country	210
playing baseball. The Negro Leagues had many famous players, such as Ernie Banks and Willie	225
Mays.	226

After 1947, more African Americans joined the major leagues. As Black players and fans	240
readjusted to the major leagues, the Negro Leagues declined. Now, the Negro League Baseball	254
Museum preserves the Leagues’ rich history.	260

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Would you want to be the first to do something, like Jackie Robinson? Why or why not?

Share ideas with your partner.

We agree about this.

We disagree about this.