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Day One

Jackie Robinson and the Negro Leagues

Part 1: Silent read

→ Jackie Robinson was the first Black baseball player in the Major Leagues. Read silently.

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 easy for Robinson. Many White players and fans wanted to prevent Black players from joining the major leagues. But other players on Robinson's team supported him. Robinson once said that he did not care if people liked or disliked him. He said, "All I ask is that you respect me as a human being."

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

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

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



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What makes Jackie Robinson special as a baseball player?

What team did Jackie Robinson play for in the Negro Leagues?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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