

Fighting for Equality:

Jackie Robinson's Efforts to End Segregation

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I wanted to learn about something baseball related because I have always loved sports, especially baseball. I decided to learn about the first African-American baseball players in the Majors and specifically, Jackie Robinson. This interests me, because I like learning about people who do things that nobody has done before.

I gathered and researched information from websites and newspapers. I started with a site that included information about Jackie Robinson and his whole career. After that, I learned about the Negro Leagues and how they started. I found useful information from the Library of Congress and Newspapers.com where I found different primary source newspaper articles. I then found information about how Jackie inspired others. I also found quotes from Jackie and his teammates. I then found information about segregation in America already at this time and also found what some Americans thought of segregation. After that, I found websites about breaking the color barrier. Later, I found a site about how Jackie helped the Civil Rights Movement. Then, I found more newspapers about Jackie and breaking the color barrier.

I decided to create a website because I enjoy making things and I like making things on computers. I began my website by writing the words to go in it. Then, I chose the color and font scheme for my website. Then, I copied in my words from my paper into the pages. After that, I found the pictures and put them in. Lastly, I put in my navigation, and put in my paperwork for my project.

Breaking barriers connects to my topic, because Jackie Robinson broke a barrier that kept blacks out of the MLB called the color barrier. Jackie inspired other blacks to play after the 1947 season in the MLB. This barrier being broken helped people realize that blacks should be treated equal to whites and they have equal abilities in sports.

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