

# Discover America

## Course 15 - Teacher Guide



### Jackie Robinson and the Integration of Baseball

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## Key Themes

- Bravery
- Perseverance
- Breaking Barriers

## Core Values

- Liberty
- Community
- Life



# Learning Objectives

## Students will be able to:

- Explain that our country is made up of diverse people who still deserve the same opportunities
- Tell what makes Jackie Robinson important in American History



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# Introduction

## ASK Students

Look around our class. Do we all look the same? (allow students to respond)

What if boys could play out on the playground but girls could not, they could only play in the grass? What if kids with glasses got to eat lunch with their friends, and if you did not wear glasses you had to sit by yourself? Do these rules seem fair?

## TELL Students

Even though we all look different, there are certain ways that we all want to be treated. How do you want your friends to treat you? Be kind? Include you when they play? Not make fun of you for any reason? (allow students to respond)

As humans we all want to be treated nicely and have the same opportunities to live a happy life.

## WATCH

Learn More with Liberty



Scan Me!

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## Key Terms

- 01 **Diverse** - made up of people from multiple different cultures
- 02 **Unique** - different than everyone else
- 03 **Jackie Robinson** - the first African American to play in Major League Baseball in the modern era
- 04 **Major League** - top tier baseball group of teams who play against each other

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# Being Unique

## TELL Students

Sometimes people are not given the same opportunities because of the way they look, talk, or act. It is not right to exclude someone because they look or behave differently than we do. We live in a country that has people of all backgrounds. Everyday we interact with friends who look differently and like different things than we do.

That is what makes America a diverse country.

Being different from one another does not make one person better than the other. Our differences are what makes each of us unique. After all, life would be pretty boring if we all looked the same way, talked the same way, and did all the same things. You may already know this, but this was not always the case for many people living in America a long time ago.

There was a time whenever people were mistreated because they looked different. There were even laws in our country that allowed people to have fewer opportunities just because of the way they look on the outside. People of certain backgrounds were mistreated and if they tried to stand up for themselves they got into trouble.

One person who was given the opportunity to stand up for equal rights for people of all backgrounds was Jackie Robinson. He was not allowed to play baseball in the Major League because of his skin color. However, one team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, invited him to play on their team anyways because he was so talented. He played so well and received so many awards for his amazing baseball skills. We remember him today because he was brave and did not let other people who thought less of him stop him from doing what he loved.

# TRACING PRACTICE

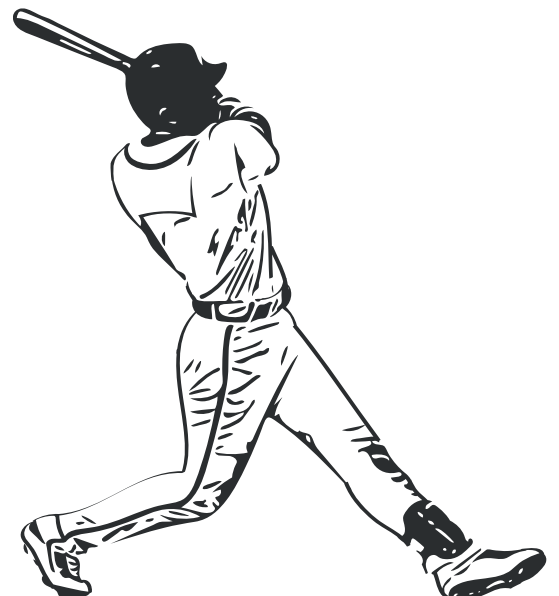
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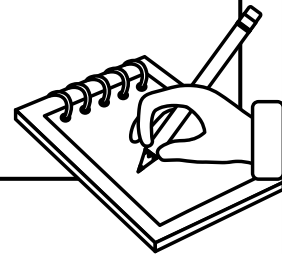
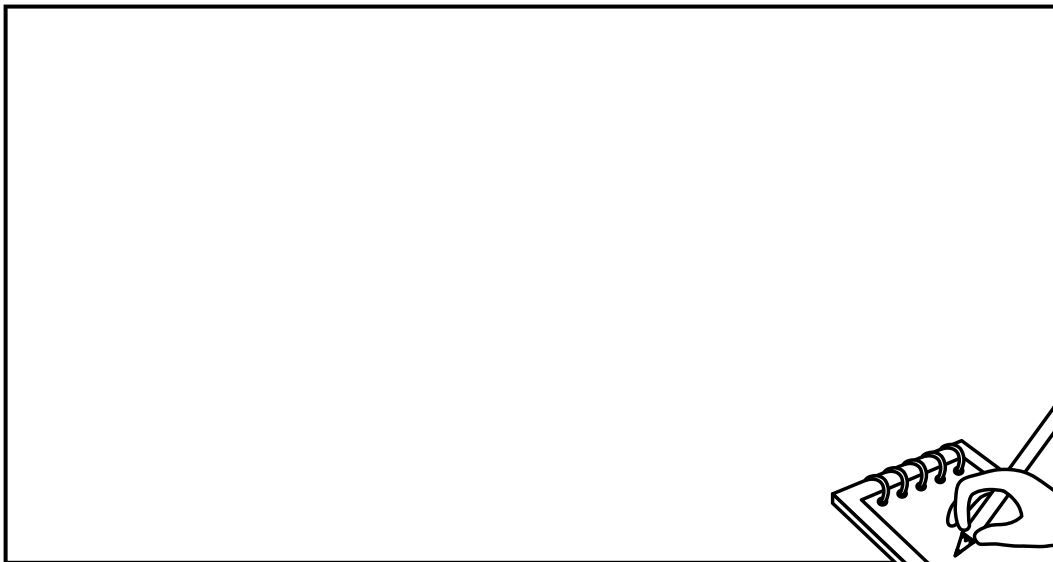




# Jackie Robinson



Jackie was a baseball player.



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# Jackie Robinson

# Resource List

- 01 <https://jackierobinson.com/biography/>
- 02 <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/jackie-robinson>
- 03 <https://baseballhall.org/hall-of-famers/robinson-jackie>
- 04 <https://www.history.com/topics/early-20th-century-us/jim-crow-laws>
- 05 <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/freedom-riders-jim-crow-laws/>
- 06 <https://www.mlb.com/mlb-community/jackie-robinson-day>
- 07 <https://www.nydailynews.com/sports/baseball/robinson-jack-trades-article-1.1315884>
- 08 <https://baseballhall.org/civilrights>
- 09 <https://jackierobinson.com/achievements/>
- 10 <https://www.mlb.com/phillies/community/educational-programs/uya-negro-league/african-american-players-banned>

