

# Cooperative Group Worksheet

## Jackie Robinson

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Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Each cooperative group will be assigned to read/listen to one of the Internet sites listed below. Each site has information about Jackie Robinson. Each cooperative group will work as a team to discuss, then write down answers to the following questions. ALL team members should be prepared to verbally present information about their Web site, as well as their group's answers to the questions. The teacher will randomly select a number 1-4. The team member with that number will present.

Jackie Robinson: Golden (audio available)

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/sports/robinson\\_4-15.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/sports/robinson_4-15.html) (accessed September 4, 2009)

Jackie Robinson and the Integration of Baseball (has a link to audio interviews)

<http://www.npr.org/programs/morning/features/2002/oct/robinson/> (accessed September 4, 2009)

How Jackie Robinson Changed America (audio interview)

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1838214> (accessed September 4, 2009)

Baseball, the Color Line, and Jackie Robinson

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jr1940.html> (accessed September 4, 2009)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jr1947.html> (accessed September 4, 2009)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jr1957.html> (accessed September 4, 2009)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jr1962.html> (accessed September 4, 2009)

Jackie Robinson Breaks Baseball's Color Barrier, 1945

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/robinson.htm> (accessed September 4, 2009)

1. How did Jackie Robinson "open the door" for minorities? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Describe 3 influences/events in Robinson's life that led him to confront discrimination? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How was sport in America changed by his actions? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How did Robinson influence the civil rights movement? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How can sports figures use their fame to improve our nation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Jackie Robinson Said:

*"The right of every American to first-class citizenship is the most important issue of our time."*

*"Life is not a spectator sport. . . . If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life."*

### About Jackie Robinson:

*"He was a therapist for the masses by succeeding, by doing it with such style, flair and drama. He helped level baseball off, to make it truly a game for black and white, with excellence the only test for success."*

—Reverend Jesse Jackson

*"He led America by example. He reminded our people of what was right and he reminded them of what was wrong. I think it can be safely said today that Jackie Robinson made the United States a better nation."*

—American League President Gene Budig

*"He struck a mighty blow for equality, freedom and the American way of life. Jackie Robinson was a good citizen, a great man, and a true American champion."*

—President Ronald Reagan

<http://www.baseball-almanac.com/quotes/quojckr.shtml> (accessed September 4, 2009)



# Stick Figure Chart

## An Individual's Contribution to History

**Brain**—ideas, philosophies

**Eyes**—visions, hopes, goals

**Mouth**—quotes by/about this person

**Shoulder**—strengths

**Right hand**—contributions to history

**Heart**—loves, values

**Achilles heel**—weaknesses

**Left hand**—actions

**Roots**—background, influences

**Important Life Events**  
**Road-Life Line**

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