



Jackie Robinson: American Hero

Who was Jackie Robinson? Why is he an American hero? Fill in the blanks in this biography to find out.

There was a time in the United States when African Americans could not go to the same schools as white people. They could not drink from the same water _____. They were also not allowed to play major league baseball.

Two special men changed that. One was an African-American baseball player named Jackie Robinson. The other was a white baseball club _____ named Branch Rickey. Together, these two men worked to make sure African Americans had the same _____ as others to play baseball.

In 1947, Branch Rickey asked Jackie to play for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He _____ Jackie that he might face some angry fans and players. Jackie was _____ and kept his cool. In his first year, he was named Rookie of the Year. Today, he's in the Hall of Fame.

Word List

base
chances
fountains
owner
warmed

Think About It!

How would you describe Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey?