

Kid Scoop

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BREAKING THE COLOR BARRIER

Jackie Robinson

Baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson probably changed baseball more than any other player – not by skill alone, but by who he was as a person.



A Rough Beginning

Jack "Jackie" Roosevelt Robinson was born in rural Georgia in 1919. He was the grandson of slaves. His _____ were sharecroppers, whose lives were not much better than those of his grandparents.

When Jackie was one year old, his father left the family, leaving his mother to _____ five children alone. His mother took the family and her _____ for a better life to Pasadena, CA, where her brother lived. But things weren't always good there either.

The baseball knocked some words out of this story. Find where each word belongs.

ENCOUNTERED **PREJUDGED** **HOPES**
SECTION **PUBLIC**
RAISE **COLOR** **PARENTS** **FREEDOMS**

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Sporting A Path to Change

When Jackie started school he found something he was very good at: sports. He liked to play hard. He liked to win. He found out that by winning in sports he got respect from the white children. He liked this feeling and vowed he would always work hard to gain respect.

How many baseballs do you see here?

