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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

brave
chances
fountains
owner
warned

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How would you describe Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey?