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Read the following facts about Jackie Robinson.

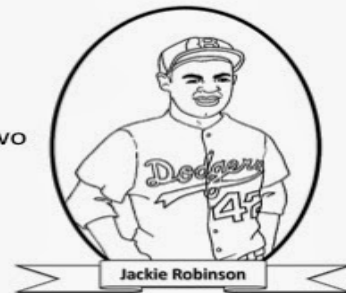
Jackie Robinson

Born: January 31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia

Died: October 24, 1972 in Stamford, Connecticut

Family: He was married to Rachel Robinson. He had two sons and one daughter.

Early Life: Jackie Robinson was the youngest of five children. In high school, he was a great athlete and played four sports: baseball, football, basketball and track.



Occupations: Jackie Robinson served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1944. In 1947, he became the first African American to play for Major League Baseball. He played for the Brooklyn Dodgers. That same year, he was named Rookie of the Year. In 1955, with Jackie's help, the Brooklyn Dodgers won the World Series. He retired from Major League Baseball in 1957 while playing for the New York Giants.

Legacy: As a professional baseball player, Jackie faced constant **racism** and abuse from fans and even other players. He chose to ignore this unfair treatment and play his best. He fought for **racial integration** and **civil rights** in sports and other areas. In 1962, Jackie became the first African American to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. April 15 is Jackie Robinson Day. On this day, all major league baseball players wear his jersey number 42 on their uniforms.

Key Words

racism: the act of treating someone badly because of their race

racial integration: the act of allowing all races to share the same things, such as schools

civil rights: basic rights that are given to **all** citizens and are protected by the U.S. Constitution