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COLLEGE YEARS AT UCLA:

Jackie continued his athletic journey at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), earning varsity letters in track, baseball, Football, and basketball. He even won the NCAA Championship in the long jump, showcasing his versatility in sports

MILITARY SERVICE DURING

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JACKIE ROBINSON

Born on January 31, 1919, in Cairo, Georgia, Jackie Robinson was the youngest of five children. His father left the family shortly after his birth, leaving Jackie and his siblings to move to Pasadena, California, where he developed a passion for sports while watching his older brothers excel

HIGH SCHOOL:

Growing up, Jackie participated in various sports, including track, Football, baseball, tennis, and basketball. Despite excelling on the field, he faced racism in high school, where he played alongside white teammates but was treated as a second-class citizen off the field.



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PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL JOURNEY

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BREAKING THE COLOR BARRIER:

In 1947, Jackie joined the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African American to play in Major League Baseball Despite Facing racial abuse, including death paseball vespite racing racial abuse, including again threats, he remained steadfast and focused on playing baseball. The Dodgers wan the pennant, and Jackie was agreed Bookie and the visual transfer of the named Rookie of the Year.

JACKIE'S BASEBALL LEGACY: Jackie Robinson went on to become one of the best

baseball players in the major leagues, boasting a coreer batting average of 31. He hit 137 home runs. curses warring average or as he nit is/ nome runs, had 197 stolen bases, and was named to the All-Star Team six times. In 1949, he earned the National League

AFter retiring in 1957, Tackie worked as an executive For Chock Full 0 AFter retiring in FB7, Jackie worked as an executive For Chock Full U Nuts and contributed to the establishment of the African American. owned Freedom bank. He served on the board of the NAACP until 1967, owned Freedom Jank. He served on the board of the NA leaving a lasting impact on civil rights and social causes.

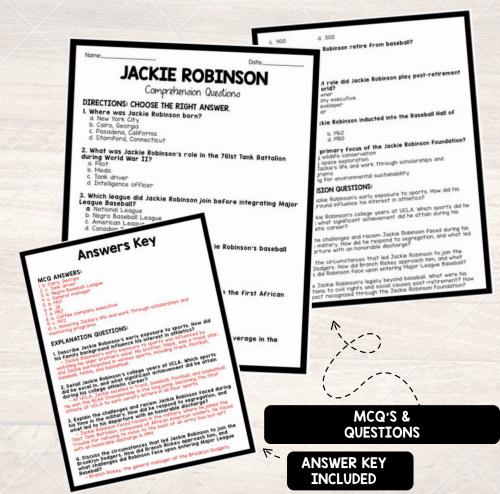
Jackie Robinson's legacy extends beyond sports. He broke the color barrier in baseball, paying the way for Future African American players. In 1962, he became the first African American inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and the Dodgers retired his number, 42, in 1972.

Jackie was a vocal advocate For civil rights and various social and political causes. His contributions led to several movies depicting his life. He passed away on October 24, 1972, but his life. He passed away on ucroper 24, 1972, but legacy lives on through the Jackie Robinson Foundation, established by his wife Rachel, dedicated to supporting young people through scholarships and mentoring programs.



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