

Process Paper

Our topic interests us because because Jackie Robinson was an athlete and all three of us are athletes. The topic doesn't directly impact any of the three of us, but the work that he has done with civil rights and being a civil rights activist opened the doors for many people of color down the road. We settled on this topic because we felt that he had to overcome so much to get to where he ended up, and he didn't respond negatively to everything he went through, he just kept pushing to get where he wanted to be. We chose this topic over our other choices because we were most interested in Jackie Robinson and the events of his life.

We used both primary and secondary sources. Primary sources were more helpful to us than secondary sources because even though we got the information about his early life from secondary sources, we got information about what he did besides baseball in his adult life. We found our sources mainly on research databases where we had options of what to pick for sources we just had to decide which ones to use. We found our sources on our own with guidance from our teacher on which databases to use. We used the sources to find which ones we wanted by typing in specific search words to narrow down which sources we had to choose from.

We chose to make a website because we felt it was the best way to show the information that we wanted to show. We put our project together one page at a time starting with early life and working our way through his life. Our group worked together to put this project together by one person does this page, another does the next one and so on.

Our project relates to the theme “Breaking Barriers in History” because Jackie Robinson went through many things to get to the successes that he had throughout his life. He broke barriers as the first African American to play professional baseball. He was also a civil rights activist and worked hard to improve the rights of African Americans. He helped show that just because your skin is a different color, doesn't mean you can't be good at sports. Jackie Robinson was a leader and a huge role model for any person of color who wants to do something but isn't sure if they can just because the color of their skin.