

For History Day, our topic was A League of Their Own, an all women's baseball league developed in the 1940s. In an attempt to entertain and distract the public from World War II, Philip. K. Wrigley helped break the gender barrier in sports by creating A League of Their Own, a baseball league made up of all women. Representing a new outlook on women's roles and accomplishments, the league broke down a barrier by creating an organized women's sport which impacted more opportunities for women today. Although the barrier of an organized women's sport was broken, unfortunately the idea of sexism still remains. We chose this topic because sports and athletics are important to us, especially women's sports and athletics.

In our first phases of researching we found all of our basic information that we needed and then we kept researching and found some more facts and details. We tried to keep our research organized, we researched before the barrier was broken, how the barrier was broken, and the effect after the barrier was broken. Our interview with Cassidy Lent, she works at the National Baseball Hall of Fame, was very informational. This interview helped us capture the idea that the league helped push Title IX along. Most of our sources were books, but we found many useful websites. When we were researching we found a documentary that had interviews with the players. This helped us understand what the players thought of the league. Our understanding of our topic has changed because at first we didn't know the significance of the league towards other future women and girls. Now we understand how much impact the league had on women in that generation.

When we were trying to decide our topic, we asked our parents and someone recommended A League of Their Own. We were also both interested in athletics and we think the history of women in sports is important. We chose a website because that's the way we

thought would represent our information the best. While working on our website there were some difficulties but we learned how to do things as we went on. A skill we learned was participation because this is a group project and you have to split up the work and do equal shares of the work.

Before A League of Their Own women were thought of as housewives, but after, women's roles were looked at differently. Without this league there may not have been as many women's sports in history. This topic is important because women and men should have the same opportunities in life. Even though women's rights are not equal, the many successes in women's sports has inspired a younger generation of women today.