


# CIVIL RIGHTS Poster Examples

## EARLY YEARS




- Martin Luther King, Jr. went to college at 15.
- He married Coretta Scott in 1953.

Above: Martin Luther King, Jr. was a pastor and community leader.

## UNFORGETTABLE EVENT

- He helped organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott




Above: Photo of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s March on Washington D.C. This is where the "I Have a Dream" speech took place.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

## INTERESTING FACTS



## AWARDS & RECOGNITION



- His or was
- Donated money from Prize Right

Above: Martin Luther King, Jr. is considered the greatest speaker in American history.

## Ruby Bridges: A BRAVE GIRL


Above: Ruby went to an all Black kindergarten because most things were segregated.

Left: Ruby went to an all-white school for first grade. U.S. Marshals escorted her to school.

When Ruby was 4 years old, she moved to New Orleans. She loved to play ball and jump rope. She attended an all black kindergarten and enjoyed learning. That school was far away. The children in her neighborhood attended a school that was much closer. On November 14, 1960 she started attending William Franz Elementary. This school was an all white school. Ruby spent her first day in the Principal's Office because of the chaos.


Later on, Ruby worked as a travel agent for 15 years. She was also reunited with her beloved 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Henry. In 2001, Ruby was awarded the Presidential Citizen's Medal. She is still respected for her courage.

## The Great Baseball Player: Jackie Robinson



Win the college Championship in Long Jump

- Youngest of 5 children
- everyone in family was athletic
- In high school, Jackie ran track, was quarterback of football team, and star of the baseball team
- hit 137 home runs, stole 197 bases
- Middle name was given to him in honor of President Teddy Roosevelt
- Still known as one of the best players in baseball



Jackie Robinson was drafted into the Army during WW2.

- Every April every MLB number 42 Robinson.

## ROSA PARKS


Full Name: Rosa Louise McCauley

Mom was a teacher. Dad was a carpenter.


Wrote an Autobiography

December 1, 1955 - Rosa Parks wouldn't give up her seat.

Participated in The Montgomery Bus Boycott.

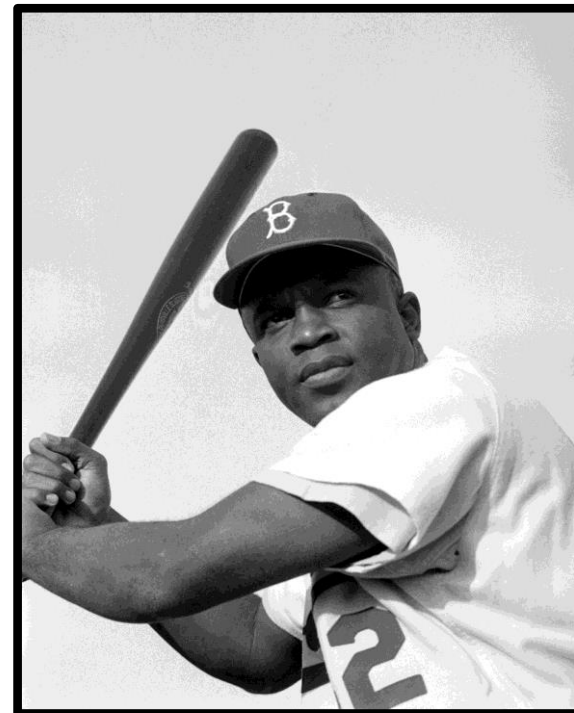
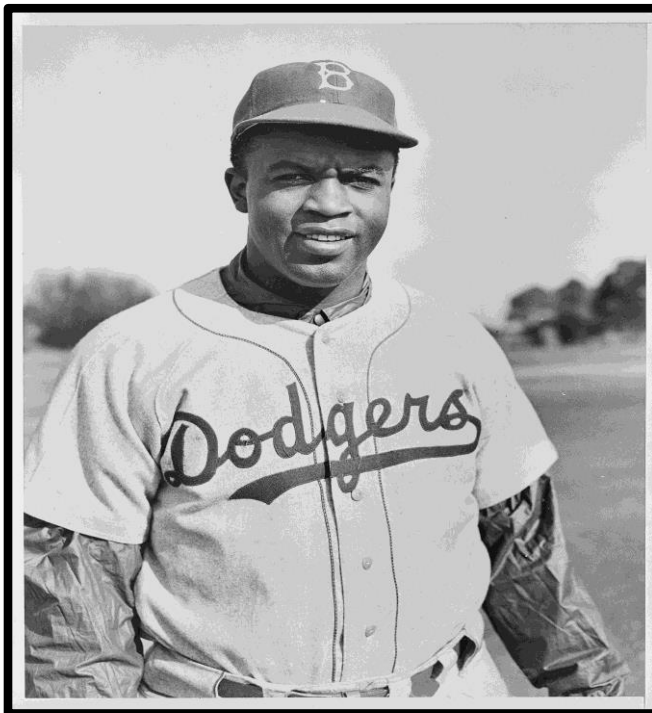


Rosa Parks was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and The Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Martin Luther King heard what Rosa Parks did and decided to boycott the city buses.

# Jackie Robinson



# Jackie Robinson



Jackie Roosevelt Robinson was born on January 31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia. His middle name was given to him in honor of President Teddy Roosevelt. He was the youngest of five children and was raised by his mother, Mallie. Everyone in his family was athletic, including Jackie. He grew up in California watching his older brothers excel in sports. Jackie followed in his brother's footsteps. In high school, he ran track and played several other sports. He was the quarterback on the football team and the star of his school's baseball team. Though he was a talented athlete, Jackie experienced racism while in high school. He would be cheered for his ability on the field, but was still treated unequally outside of sports.

The Dodger's manager knew it would be a challenge but he wanted Jackie to help them win the pennant, the Major League Baseball championship. The manager told Jackie that he couldn't fight back against those who would be prejudice. Jackie said, "Are you looking for a Negro who is afraid to fight back?" The manager said, "Robinson, I'm looking for a ballplayer with the guts enough not to fight back."

As Jackie played for the Dodgers, he experienced severe racism. Other teams refused to play against the Dodgers because of Jackie. Baseball fans yelled and threw things at him. They threatened him, even with death threats. Through it all, Jackie had the courage to hold in his anger and play the game the best he could. That year in 1947, the Dodgers won the pennant and Jackie was named Rookie of the Year.

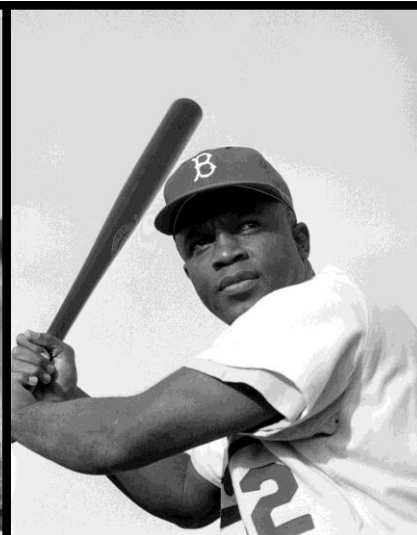
Jackie played Major League Baseball for 10 years and is still known as one of the best players in baseball. During his career he hit 137 home runs and stole 197 bases. He was named to the All Star Team six times and was awarded the National League MVP in 1949. His dedication to creating equality in professional baseball paved the way for other black players to follow him. He once said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." He was elected to the MLB Hall of Fame in 1962. Jackie died on October 24, 1972.

To honor this American hero, the baseball league retired Jackie's number (#42) in 1997. Every April 15<sup>th</sup> is Jackie Robinson day and all Major League players wear the number 42 in honor of him.



Jackie went to college at UCLA and played four sports: track, baseball, football and basketball. He was the very first UCLA athlete to earn letters for achievement and performance in all four sports. He even won the college championship in the long jump. After college, Jackie played professional football for a short time until he was drafted in the Army during World War II. During the war, he served in an all-black unit because they weren't allowed to fight alongside whites.

Once he left army in 1944, Jackie returned home and played baseball for the Kansas City Monarchs in the African-American Baseball League. At that time blacks were not allowed to play in Major League Baseball. He continued to play well for the Monarchs. Many saw how talented Jackie was. The Dodgers recruited him to play Major League Baseball, even though he was black. He knew he would face a lot of racism for being the first colored player in an all-white league.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Early Years

Unforgettable Event

**Jackie  
Robinson**

Interesting Facts

Awards and Recognition