

JACKIE ROBINSON



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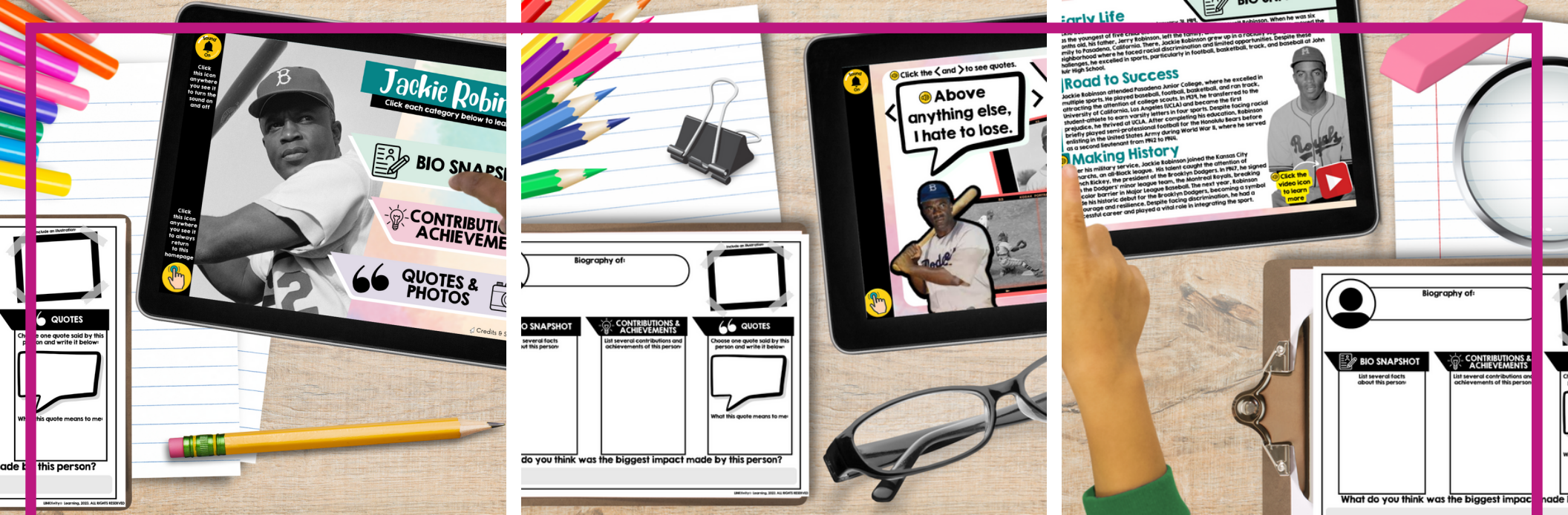
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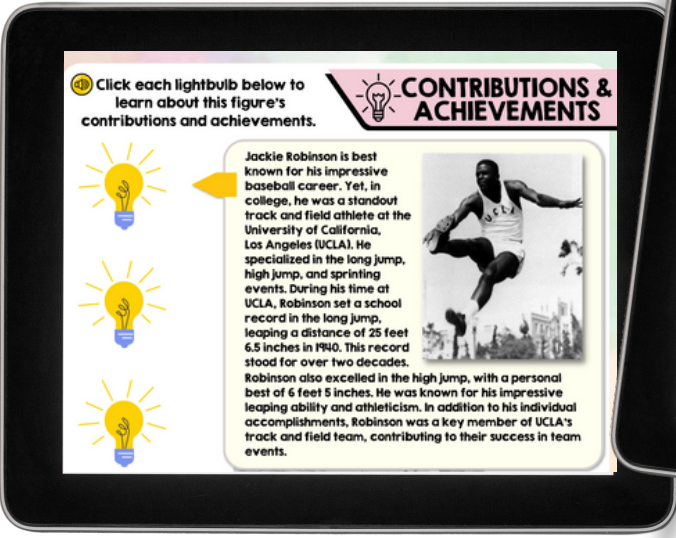


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Jackie Robinson was a pioneering American athlete and civil rights advocate, best known for breaking the color barrier in professional baseball. Robinson's debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers marked a pivotal moment in the struggle for racial equality, as he faced intense racism and discrimination on and off the field. Despite these challenges, his exceptional talent, determination, and integrity shone through. He went on to have a successful career, earning numerous accolades and helping the Dodgers win their first World Series championship in 1955. Beyond his athletic achievements, Jackie Robinson used his platform to advocate for civil rights and social justice. He became an iconic figure in the Civil Rights Movement, leveraging his fame to promote racial equality and challenge systemic racism. In this mini-biography, students will learn about Jackie Robinson's early life, career, and lasting legacy.



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Jackie Robinson is best known for his impressive baseball career. Yet, in college, he was a standout track and field athlete at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He specialized in the long jump, high jump, and sprinting events. During his time at UCLA, Robinson set a school record in the long jump, leaping a distance of 25 feet 6.5 inches in 1940. This record stood for over two decades. Robinson also excelled in the high jump, with a personal best of 6 feet 5 inches. He was known for his impressive leaping ability and athleticism. In addition to his individual accomplishments, Robinson was a key member of UCLA's track and field team, contributing to their success in team events.

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Early Life

Jackie Robinson, born in Georgia on January 31, 1919, was the youngest of five children. His full name was Jack Roosevelt Robinson. When he was six months old, his father, Jerry Robinson, left the family, and his mother, Mollie Robinson, moved the family to Pasadena, California. There, Jackie Robinson grew up in a racially segregated neighborhood where he faced racial discrimination and limited opportunities. Despite these challenges, he excelled in sports, particularly in football, basketball, track, and baseball at John Muir High School.

Road to Success

Jackie Robinson attended Pasadena Junior College, where he excelled in multiple sports. He played baseball, football, basketball, and ran track, attracting the attention of college scouts. In 1939, he transferred to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and became the first student-athlete to earn varsity letters in four sports. Despite facing racial prejudice, he thrived at UCLA. After completing his education, Robinson briefly played semi-professional football for the Honolulu Bears before enlisting in the United States Army during World War II, where he served as a second lieutenant from 1942 to 1944.

Making History

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In 1965, Jack Roosevelt Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and in 1984, he became the first professional athlete to be honored on a U.S. postage stamp. Jackie Robinson's bravery, determination, and unwavering commitment to equality made a significant impact on the Civil Rights Movement, and his legacy continues to inspire generations.

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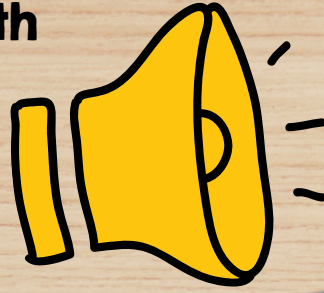
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A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.



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Student & Teacher Resources

Recording Sheet for LINKtivity

Lesson Plan

LESSON

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

What is a biography?
Who is (specific person) and what makes him/her unique?



Note: This lesson plan can be used with any mini-biography LINKtivity.

Standards Covered

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Materials Needed

Biography LINKtivity®
KWL student sheet
Biography student sheet (optional)
Chart paper/markers OR SMARTboard/Whiteboard

Teacher Preparation

Preview the mini-biography(ies) that you have selected for your students. Plan for how you will share the LINKtivity with students (ex. assign link in Google Classroom, prepare QR codes, etc). Prepare a KWL chart on chart paper or SMARTboard/whiteboard. Print the KWL and biography student sheets.

Lesson Introduction (5-10 min.)

- Introduce the essential questions.
- Introduce the person(s) your students will be exploring and provide each student with a **KWL student sheet**.
- **ASK:** What do you know about this person? What do you want to know about this person?
- Have students complete the first two columns of the chart. Note: If your whole class is exploring the same person, you can complete this chart together on a SMARTboard/whiteboard. If each student is completing a different person, have them complete a KWL for their specific person.

Lesson Activity (20 mins)

Have students complete a **Biography LINKtivity**, either one assigned to them or of their own selection. While navigating the LINKtivity, students have the option to complete the **biography student sheet**.

Optional Extension Activities

- Take virtual field trips to museums, historical sites, or places related to the person's life using a tool like Google Earth.
- Have students record a podcast episode about their person.
- Host a wax museum event where students dress up and take on the persona of their chosen individual to educate others.

Lesson Conclusion (2-5 min.)

Review essential questions and have students share their responses in light of what they have learned. Have students complete the final column of their KWL chart (what I learned).

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