

The Story of Jackie Robinson

1. Early on in the film, Branch Rickey (owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers) has a conversation with Jackie Robinson about playing baseball in the Dodgers' organization. Mr. Rickey asks Jackie Robinson if he has the "guts" not to fight back. What does he mean by this? Why does he ask Jackie Robinson to do this?
2. When Jackie Robinson finally joins the Brooklyn Dodgers, how do his teammates react?
3. Throughout his first season in the Major Leagues, Jackie Robinson and his wife (Rachel) endured many forms of discrimination and racism. They also received many threats of violence and bodily harm. Give two examples of this from the film.
4. About midway through the film, Jackie's teammates have a change in attitude and begin to defend him. Why do you think they had this change in attitude?
5. Towards the end of the film, the Brooklyn Dodgers play a game near Pee Wee Reese's hometown. Before the game starts, Pee Wee Reese goes over to Jackie Robinson and puts his arm around him and they have a conversation. Why does Reese do this? What does he say to Jackie Robinson?

6. What impact did Jackie Robinson have on professional sports?

7. Why do you think Jackie Robinson's number was retired?

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- Read pgs 251-256 in your textbook and the slides on catastrophe theory.
 - Watch the video Fazy and Hardy Catastrophe Model by Thomas Pond. You can Google this or find it on Ms. Davis's website under Unit 7. Watch it on your phone with headphones.
 - Think about scenes where Jackie was playing and coaches, teammate, and members of the crowd were booing and antagonizing him. Where do you think Jackie would fall on the Catastrophe Model. Put a dot in graph below to indicate where you think he was in terms of cognitive arousal and physiological arousal. Describe in detail why you placed the dot there.

