

NEGRO LEAGUES MUSEUM TASK

TASK: A museum contains items from the past that have historical value and interest to its visitors. Such a museum has been established in Kansas City, Missouri, to inform citizens of the Negro Baseball Leagues that existed in the first half of the 20th Century. Some of the best players in the history of baseball played in them, and yet they were created because of the segregation that existed in our nation during this time. The Museum shows both the best and the worst of this period in our history.

Your task is to make a thorough study of the Leagues and to decide what is important for future generations to know about them. Maybe you think a signed picture of Jackie Robinson is the most significant because he was the first African American to be able to play in the major leagues. Or, you might think that the first ball Satchel Paige pitched was important because it was the first in a great career.

Learn as much as you can about the Negro Baseball Leagues, its players, teams, and statistics. Think hard about what is important for everyone to know and then decide on ten objects that would convey the importance of the Negro Leagues and this time in the history of the United States. After you have decided on ten objects, draw those items, find pictures from the Internet, or bring in objects that could represent them. With each picture, drawing, or object, include a short paragraph or list the reasons for its inclusion in your museum. Remember that you will be writing for an audience so correct punctuation and spelling is essential. Be ready to share your ideas with your classmates in an oral presentation.