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Batter Up!

A program to engage students by exploring the themes of overcoming racism and achieving social justice through baseball.

About the Batter Up Program

Batter Up! focuses a lens on the Negro Leagues, the professional baseball teams of African American and Latinx players that, because of segregation, flourished in the early part of the 20th century. Batter Up! employs the Negro League baseball narrative to develop a library of interdisciplinary lessons across the curriculum. The history of the Negro Leagues is intrinsically linked to the history of the United States, especially the battle against racism and for social justice.

Please contact your WP Professor in Residence to arrange for the program to be used in your school!

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Program Materials for Teachers

- PowerPoint presentation
- Choice of five themed banners depicting important milestones with essential questions to initiate discussions with students
- Twelve curriculum lesson plans
- Authentic time period baseball uniform jerseys, baseballs, hats
- *We Are the Ship* by Kadir Nelson, winner of the Corretta Scott King Book Award 2009
- Statistics sheets on batting averages and salaries on the 1940's players
- Supplemental background information on Negro Leagues

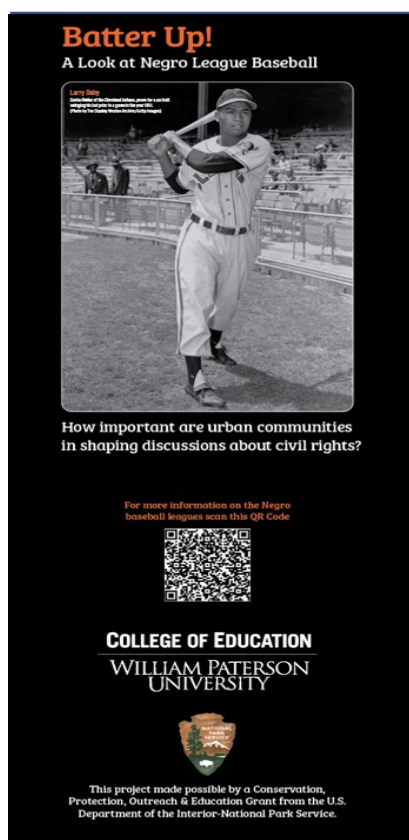
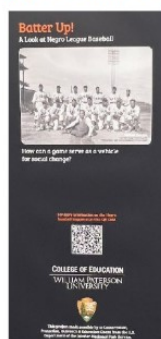


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The Exhibits or Mobile Classrooms

A five-panel exhibit or mobile classroom, each with a significant image from Negro League baseball followed by an essential question to stimulate discussion.



Five Panel Exhibit - Choose One Banner or All Five!

Banner One: The Homestead Grays, a famous Negro League Team

Banner Two: Effa Manley, female manager of the Newark Eagles

Banner Three: Larry Doby (Paterson, NJ native) playing for the Cleveland Indians

Banner Four: Larry Doby, Satchel Paige & Jackie Robinson

Banner Five: Jackie Robinson receiving his plaque at the Baseball Hall of Fame

Corresponding Lesson Plans

- *Negro Leagues and the Great Migration*
- *The Rise of the Negro Leagues*
- *The End of the Negro Leagues*
- *The Women of the Negro Leagues*
- *Effa Manley and Kim Ng: 85 Years for Progress*
- *Hinchliffe Stadium and the Negro Leagues*
- *Larry Doby and the Negro Leagues*
- *The Negro Leagues and World War II*
- *Jackie Robinson and the Breaking of the "Color Line"*
- *Hank Aaron and the Home Run Record*
- *The Negro Leagues and the Baseball Hall of Fame*
- *Recognizing Negro League Statistics in Major League Baseball*



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