

# Process Paper

Robert Foster:

There were many topics of which I had considered, but very little stuck with me as much as the story of Jackie Robinson and his effects on American Society. Carter and I met up one day and discussed possible topics. I had by then developed a bias towards Jackie's story and wanted to further my historical insight on this topic. Eventually, Carter and I decided to go with Jackie Robinson and the debate about segregation.

Carter May:

I had always been interested in the history of segregation in the United States, and was originally planning on researching Martin Luther King for my topic. However, after learning about Jackie Robinson and his impact on segregation inside and outside of baseball, I decided I couldn't research anything else. I partnered up with Robert, who shared my interest in Jackie Robinson, and we began working on the project.

The timeframe for our project was not very narrow, ranging from 1865-2022, so we had trouble narrowing the information down. When we started working we could see a clear tie to debate. We really focused on Jackie Robinson, which was 1947-1972. We thought we were just looking at baseball, but when we began to research, we realized that Jackie was involved in civil rights, too, hence "on and off the ball field." After a judge commented on the project, we realized that there is also lots of diplomacy involved in our project as well.

For the most part, we split up our research and each found different sources which we took notes on. We both took different areas of research to find our sources. We started with the same book to get general notes from, but both took different paths from there. Robert took a more literate approach, although he used several documents online, and found most of the information from books. He found many books containing valuable information at the Utah Valley University Library, at the Orem Public Library, and purchased a few from Amazon.com. Carter, however, took a more digital approach, looking online for primary sources that we could use. The work was challenging but fun.

We began by formatting our website. After we finished that, we started searching for images we could use. Afterwards, we wrote our thesis. Then, we wrote paragraphs providing information about our images and what they represented in our project. Then, we looked over our website and improved it. After, we decorated and polished it further.

Our topic was one of the most impactful events on civil rights and segregation in the United States. As a black ballplayer in the 1940's, Jackie experienced prejudice and racism, but kept moving forward. He began to win the favor of more and more people as he played very skillfully alongside his white teammates. He later used his influence to politically assist the Civil Rights Movement. Jackie Robinson changed the lives of many and had a huge overall impact on the desegregation of the United States.