# Allusions in August Wilson's Fences

#### Pearly Gates/St. Peter:

- Guarded by St. Peter—lets some in, but not all.
- Gate to heaven

#### **Mason-Dixon Line**

- Separates north from south (slavery boundaries)
- 1767ish

## **Trojan Horse**

- Horse made by Greeks to defeat Troy.
- Ancient Greece
- Attack strategy

#### **Negro League**

- Created by black people for black people because they couldn't play MLB
- Established 1885-1940ish

#### **Uncle Remus**

- Fictional African American character/folktales
- Stems from slave stories/compiled by white dude.

## **Archangel Gabriel**

• Prophet—prophesized the birth of Jesus and John the Baptist

#### **Babe Ruth**

- Left-handed.
- Played 22 seasons in the MLB
- Lots of home-runs

### **George Selkirk**

- New York Yankees 1930s-ish
- From Canada; played in MLB.

## **Roberto Clemente**

- From Puerto Rico
- Played in MLB 60's, 70's.
- Hall of Fame

## **Hank Aaron**

- Played 21 seasons in the Negro Leagues and MLB.
- Most homeruns EVER (maybe, says Christian)

# Sandy Koufax, Lew Burdette, and Warren Spahn

- All white, all pitchers, all MVPs
- 1950s (according to Christian)

### **Jackie Robinson**

- First black person to play in the MLB, 1947.
- Civil Rights Activist

#### Josh Gibson

- Catcher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> African American in Hall of Fame; In Negro Leagues

# **Satchel Paige**

- Pitcher
- Very popular; brought in crowds
- In both Negro Leagues and MLB.