

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

Coalition For Hispanic Family Services Arts & Literacy Presents:

Discipline/Theme Tags: sports, Arts & Culture, Design, Historical Figures, Overcoming Obstacles, Triumph

GUIDING QUESTION: How has Black culture and style influenced major sports league?

PURPOSE OF LESSON: To gain knowledge of the history of the Negro Baseball leagues and its influence on the greater culture of sports and its connection to current style and fashion trends in the world of sports

LESSON OBJECTIVES (students will be able to):

- Identify the purpose of the creation of the Negro Leagues
- Recount important historical dates and facts about the Negro Leagues

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Digital Device
- Printed Design Template Worksheet(attached)
- Writing utensils
- Uniform design website:
https://placeit.net/sports-jersey-maker?utm_source=baseballjersey—Teacher can walk students through using the mock up site to create Jersey mock ups. Sign up for a free account to do multiples. There is a paid feature to download but you can have students share without downloading via share of screens, screenshots, etc. (Example photos below)

SUPPORTING VOCABULARY

1. Segregation
2. Uniform
3. Branding
4. Physicality

SUPPORTING RESOURCES

Current Events: <https://www.tippingyourcap.com>

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<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/negro-leagues-will-now-be-part-major-league-baseball-stats-n1251429>

Activity Reference: <https://www.mlb.com/news/10-greatest-negro-leagues-uniforms>

History: <https://www.history.com/topics/sports/negro-league-baseball>

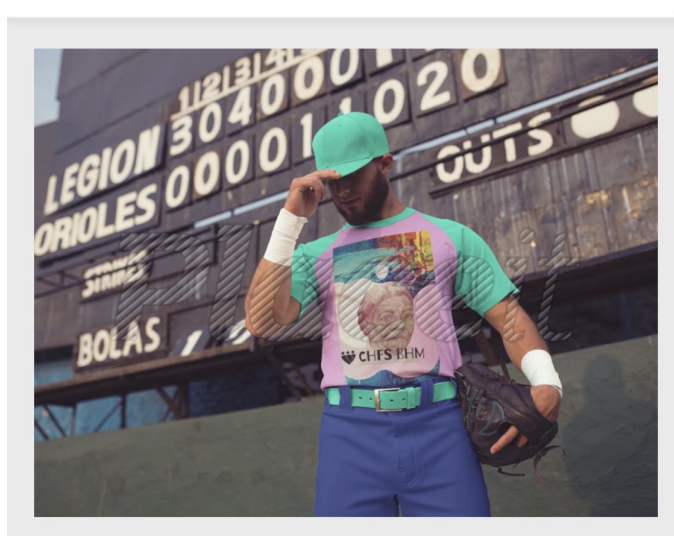
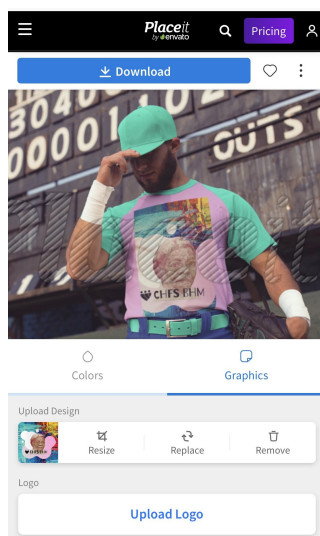
History:

<https://baseballhall.org/discover-more/stories/inside-pitch/negro-national-league-is-founded>

Video: <https://www.pbs.org/video/wmht-specials-mohawk-giants-breaking-barriers/>

Website for uniform/jersey design:

https://placeit.net/sports-jersey-maker?f_types=image&f_devices=Jersey&f_tags=Baseball&ignore=true



LESSON INTRODUCTION(WHAT I'LL SAY)

“Today we are going to learn about the Negro Leagues

- Does anyone know what the Negro Baseball Leagues are?
- Who's your favorite sports team? If you do not personally have a favorite team, does your family member or best friend have a favorite team?
- Let's check out a video with more information
- Let's read through a few fun facts about these historical figures who changed the sport of baseball
- Imagine you could create your own Baseball League Sports Team, where would their home stadium

be, what are their colors, what is the mascot?

- Let's design our own team based off of the incredible eight teams from the Negro Leagues!”

ACTIVITY

Participants will be:

- *Asked a few starter questions*
- *Shown a quick video*
- *Shown photographs of sportswear and uniforms from the Negro Leagues as well as the new edition versions used to celebrate the NBL celebrations.*
- Will work individually or in pairs/small groups to create their own Negro League inspired Sports team
- Use attached templates and web resources to design their own jerseys, shoes, etc.
- Present their designs via a ‘press conference’ for the announcement of new teams

CLOSING RITUAL/STUDENT REFLECTION

- Ask participants what they liked about lesson
- Ask participants what they learned from the lesson
- Ask participants if they could do a remix of the lesson what would they do? (if they were the teacher what would they add to the lesson)
- Ask participants how this lesson relates to the purpose of Black History Month: learn, celebrate, reflect)

MODIFICATIONS FOR AGE GROUPS:

- For K-1st, the activity could include just the creation of a jersey, team name and mascot. The reading materials could be substituted by the simple Fun Facts Sheet.
- For 5th grade and older the activity could include creating a team franchise with a stadium and full set of gear, create players for their teams and stats based off of Negro League stats and current baseball player statistics to predict how the teams might fare in matches

TEACHER REFLECTION:

