

## Suggested Activities

- The players in the Negro Baseball League had to traverse the nation and be away from home for extended periods of time. Have students create postcards and write them as if they were a player traveling across the country. Have students explain to their families and friends the experiences they (as players) have faced.
- The graphic novel is told from an outsider's point of view. How might the story have changed if it were told from Satchel Paige's point of view? Have students write essays as if they were Paige. Have them tell the story from his perspective including thoughts and feelings.
- Baseball surely is America's favorite pastime, enough so that people have even written poems about their love of the sport. Have students read "Casey at the Bat" and study the poem for its structure, rhyming and other critical points. Have students create their own stanzas about baseball or any other sport.
- Have students reflect on the harsh realities of the Jim Crow era. What sorts of limitations were imposed in the southern U.S.? In the whole nation? How might life have been different if you were living during that era?
- Many people do not know that the Buffalo Bisons have roots in the same leagues that gave birth to the Negro Baseball League. Have students research this rich Buffalo history by searching for terms such as:
  - International League
  - Frank Grant
  - Negro League Baseball Players Association
- Have students search the Library of Congress' photograph database for primary document photographs from the time of Jackie Robinson.  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/robinson/jr1900s.html>
- Students can watch videos about the Negro Baseball League on How Stuff Works' website: <http://videos.howstuffworks.com/hsw/10814-playing-field-the-legacy-of-the-negro-leagues-video.htm>