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### **Early Life**

Jackie Robinson was born on January 31, 1919. He was born in Cairo, Georgia.





Jackie was a great athlete. He played baseball and basketball. He played football and track, too.



Jackie went to UCLA. He earned varsity letters in four sports. He was the first UCLA athlete to do this.





# **The Kansas City Monarchs**

Jackie could no longer afford UCLA. He served in the army for two years. Then he played for the Kansas City Monarchs. It was an all-black baseball team.





## Family

In 1946, Jackie married Rachel Islum. They had three children.





# Breaking the Color Barrier

Branch Rickey was the president of the Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1945, he asked Jackie to play for him. Jackie would be the first black man on the team.





Jackie played very well his rookie year. But, he dealt with racism. It was very hard for him.





# **Dodgers Career**

Jackie played baseball for 10 years. He was more than a great ball player. He ended segregation in baseball.





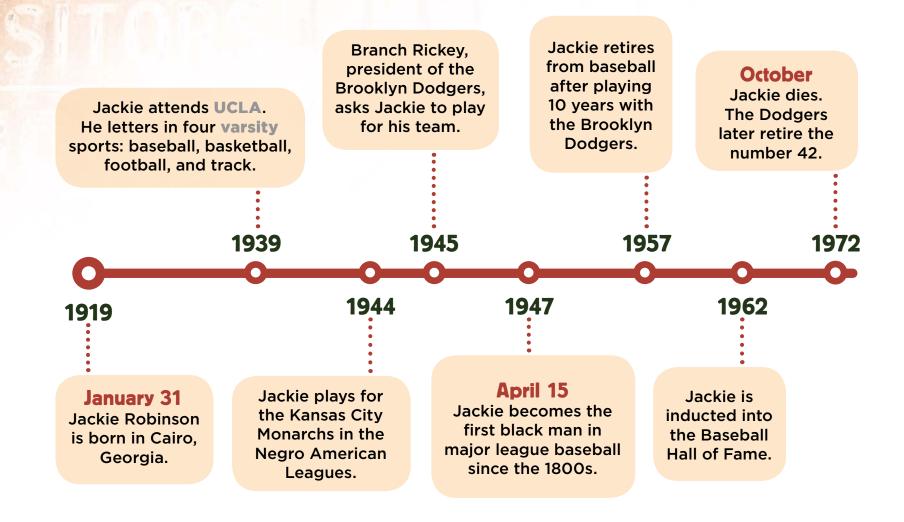
# Life after Baseball

After baseball, Jackie worked for **social change**. He was also a businessman. He died on October 24, 1972.





#### Timeline



#### Glossary

**racism** – treating someone poorly or using violence against them because of the color of their skin.

**rookie** – a first-year player in a sport.

**segregation** – the practice of keeping people of different races, religions, etc., separate from each other.

social change – refers to a change in the way things are in society. Jackie Robinson wanted to change the way life was for black people in the United States. **UCLA** – short for University of California, Los Angeles.

varsity – the main team at a high school or college in a certain sport. Every player on a varsity team earns a letter. A letter is like an award.

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