LIVING LEGACY
BASEBALL CARDS

Make a trading card for someone you think represents Jackie Robinson's legacy!

WHAT IS A BASEBALL CARD?
Our Living Legacy cards are modeled after baseball cards, which have been collected by baseball fans for nearly 160 years. Baseball cards typically have the player’s photo and key information about their background and playing statistics. Sometimes there are fun add-ons like cartoons or trivia questions. Fans of all ages buy or exchange cards to collect ones for their favorite players and celebrate their achievements.

WHAT IS A LEGACY?
Legacy means the lasting impact of ideas, values, or lessons that someone represents for future generations. Jackie opened doors for other Black players who followed him by playing well and proving that people should not be treated differently because of their skin color. Outside of baseball, he worked on behalf of African Americans, and other groups that were mistreated, to ensure they were paid fairly, and had affordable and safe housing and good schools. By standing up for others, Jackie helped to change laws and behavior all over the country to make life better for everyone.

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Take a look at some of the baseball cards of Jackie from the Jackie Robinson Museum’s collection. Identify all the parts of the card—such as picture, his name, birthdate, team name, team symbols, baseball uniform, batting record, and position he played. What else do you see?
2. Think of a family member, friend, or person in your school or neighborhood who is special because that person helped you or someone else. This is the person you will honor by making a Living Legacy card about them.
3. Print the baseball card template and cut out both sides. If you do not have a printer, make your own card template using a piece of paper or cardstock.
4. On one side, draw a picture of the person and add their name. If you have a photograph of the person, you can use that instead. Decorate it with symbols that describe that person (such as their special qualities or their job.)
5. On the other side, write:
   • The person's name
   • The person's special qualities
   • Why you choose this person
   • How the person inspires you to help others
6. Design as many cards as you want, then trade with your friends or classmates and discuss the people you chose and why.

WARM UP
Use these questions to think about how Jackie Robinson had a positive impact and people in our lives who continue this legacy of helping others today.

1. Why do you think Jackie Robinson is an American hero? Draw what a hero looks like to you.
2. Jackie Robinson believed in being honest about unfairness and saying something about it, rather than staying quiet. This didn't always make him popular, but he was “more interested in being respected than liked.” Make a list of people in your family, school, or community who speak out to help others. Next to each, write the problem or issues that they addressed.
3. Jackie Robinson helped show that people should not be treated differently because of the color of their skin and he actively supported equal rights for all Americans. What are some ways he has impacted your life and experiences?

Topps #50 Jackie Robinson trading card, 1955.
Jackie Robinson Museum Collection
BASEBALL CARD EXAMPLES

Topps #312 Jackie Robinson trading card, 1952. Jackie Robinson Museum Collection

Topps #30 Jackie Robinson trading card, 1956. Jackie Robinson Museum Collection

Topps #50 Jackie Robinson trading card, 1955. Jackie Robinson Museum Collection

Topps #10 Jackie Robinson trading card, 1954. Jackie Robinson Museum Collection
MAKE YOUR OWN LIVING LEGACY CARDS!

FRONT

BACK

Name of Living Legacy

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Special qualities

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I chose this person because

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This person inspires me to

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