

TEAM PLAYER PENNANTS

Design a pennant showing what it means to be a team player!



WHAT IS A PENNANT?

A pennant is a flag that shows support for a team or represents a team's championship. During his playing days, fans cheered for Jackie Robinson and his fellow players by waving pennants. Pennants are still used today to show team spirit.

WARM UP

Use these questions to start thinking about what makes your team (or family or class) strong together.

1. What does it mean to be a great team player? Write or talk about three words that describe a team player.
2. Think about a team as more than a group of people who play a sport. A team can be any group of people who work together and help each other. Make a list of "teams" that you belong to.
3. Pick one of the teams you listed in question 2 and think of a time when you helped another member or helped this team be its best. Talk, draw, or write about why that memory is special to you.

WHAT IS A TEAM PLAYER?

Jackie was a star athlete in many sports, excelling in baseball, football, track, and basketball while at UCLA. In college, and later as a ballplayer for teams like the Kansas City Monarchs and Brooklyn Dodgers, Robinson was a strong competitor and a skilled athlete. He was also a loyal team player and leader, who inspired his teammates to play their hardest with his determination and competitive spirit on the field and his support off the field.

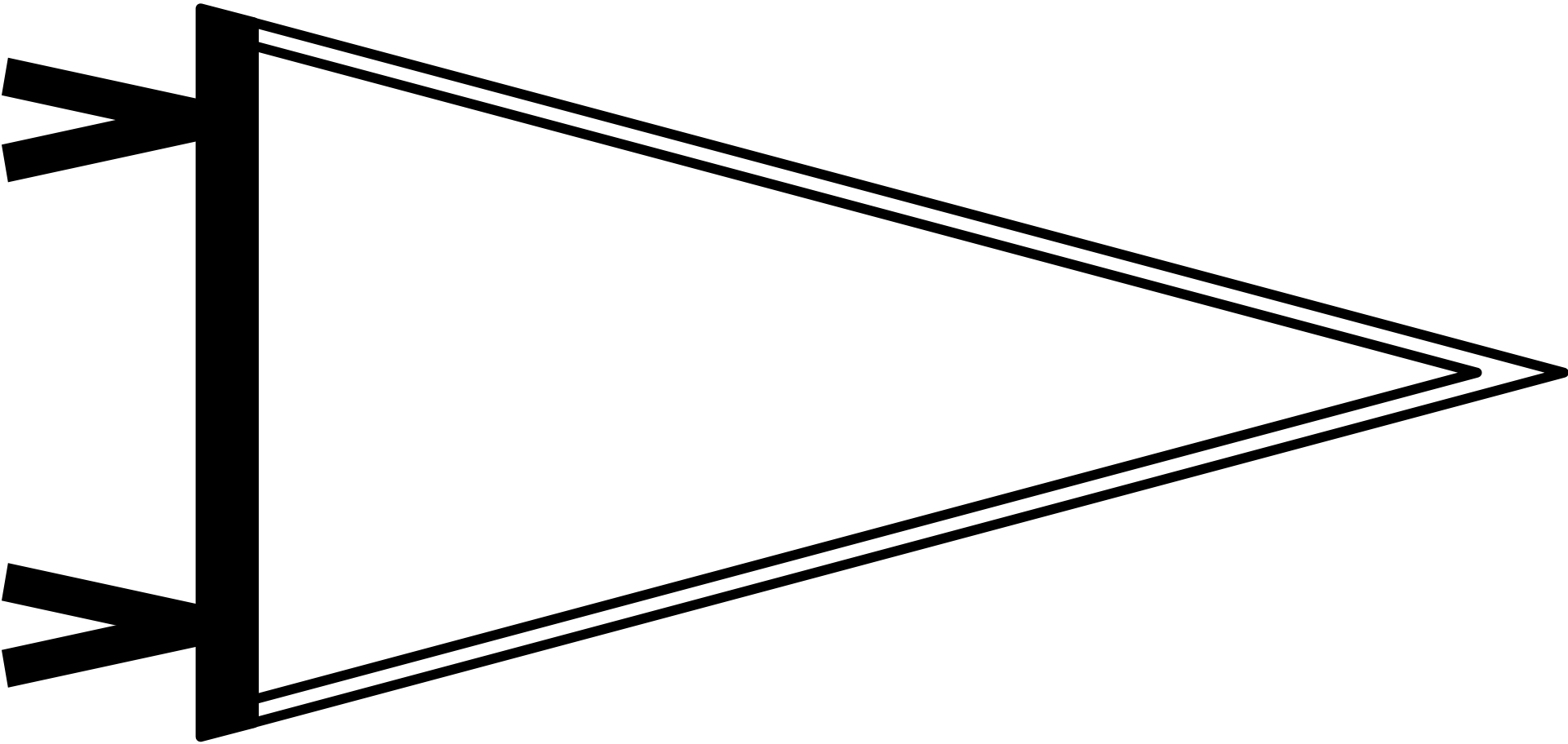
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Decide what your pennant will represent. It can involve your family, your class, or a group of any kind to which you belong. It does not have to be a sports team, simply a group important to you.
2. Inspired by what you have learned about Jackie Robinson, make a list of words, memories, and ideas that make your group a great "team" or you a great "teammate."
3. Make your pennant. Print our template or draw your pennant on a sheet of paper. To draw a pennant, use a ruler to make a triangle with two equal sides and one shorter side. Try measuring 11 inches for the long sides and 7 inches for the short side.
4. Cut out your pennant.
5. Collect or draw decorations. You can cut out decorations from the template or cut out pictures or words from magazines. You can also use stickers or draw and cut out your own decorations.
6. Decorate your pennant with the cut-outs using glue or tape. Use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to add words and drawings that represent your team.
7. Use tape to secure your pennant to a dowel (or pencil). Wave your pennant to show your team spirit!

IMAGE A. Jackie Robinson First Baseman Brooklyn Dodgers Pennant, 1947. Trench Manufacturing Company, Buffalo, NY. Jackie Robinson Museum Collection.

IMAGE B. Kansas City Monarchs, 1945. Jackie is in the bottom row, third from the left. Courtesy of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

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