

The Civil Rights Era

Outcome: Background & Early Events

It Started With Slavery...



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1. A Divided America
 - a. The [North defeats](#) the South in American Civil War fought over [slavery](#)
 - b. In 1865, the [13th](#) Amendment ended slavery but not white racism
 - c. In 1868, the [14th](#) Amendment extended citizenship to blacks
 - d. In 1870, the [15th](#) Amendment gave suffrage rights to black males
 - e. Anti-Black protests heightened during the 1870s
 - i. Formation of the [KKK](#) (racist organization)
 - ii. [Jim Crow Laws](#) were passed to keep blacks segregated & from voting (ex. Poll taxes and literacy tests)

Homer Plessy



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2. Plessy v. Ferguson (civil disobedience & legal action)
 - a. Homer Plessy boarded a railroad car designated for whites only
 - b. Plessy was 1/8th black and was required to sit in the “colored car”
 - c. In an act of planned disobedience, he refused to move; arrested & jailed
 - d. 1896 case of Plessy v. Ferguson
 - i. 7-1 ruling set standard of “Separate but Equal” for next 58 years
 - ii. Segregation was made legal as long as each facility was equal
 - iii. Truth was separate was rarely equal

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3. NAACP

- a. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People est. 1909
- b. Goal: fight segregation and establish equal rights & opportunities for blacks

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4. Presidential Leadership
 - a. President [Harry Truman](#) desegregated the armed forces in 1946
 - b. [Not](#) all presidents would support the Civil Rights movement



Jackie Robinson



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5. Jackie Robinson ([personal statement](#))
 - a. First to break [color barrier](#) in baseball in 1947
 - b. Was chosen because he could [handle](#) the threats, not because he was the best player
 - c. His #42 is [retired](#) in all of Major League Baseball today

Standard Batting		More Stats		Glossary · Show Minors · SHARE · CSV · PRE · LINK · More Tools																										
Minors	Game Logs [+]		Splits [+]		HR Log		vs. Pitcher				Finders [+]																			
Year	Age	Tm	Lg	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	OPS+	TB	GDP	HBP	SH	SF	IBB	Pos	Awards	
1947	28	BRO	NL	151	701	590	125	175	31	5	12	48	29		74	36	.297	.383	.427	.810	111	252	5	9	28			*3	MVP-5,RoY-1	
1948	29	BRO	NL	147	646	574	108	170	38	8	12	85	22		57	37	.296	.367	.453	.820	117	260	7	7	8			*43/5	MVP-15	
1949	30	BRO	NL	156	704	593	122	203	38	12	16	124	37		86	27	.342	.432	.528	.960	151	313	22	8	17			*4	AS,MVP-1	
1950	31	BRO	NL	144	613	518	99	170	39	4	14	81	12		80	24	.328	.423	.500	.923	139	259	11	5	10			*4	AS,MVP-15	
1951	32	BRO	NL	153	642	548	106	185	33	7	19	88	25	8	79	27	.338	.429	.527	.957	154	289	10	9	6			*4	AS,MVP-6	
1952	33	BRO	NL	149	636	510	104	157	17	3	19	75	24	7	106	40	.308	.440	.465	.904	149	237	16	14	6			*4	AS,MVP-7	
1953	34	BRO	NL	136	574	484	109	159	34	7	12	95	17	4	74	30	.329	.425	.502	.927	137	243	12	7	9			O75/436	AS,MVP-12	
1954	35	BRO	NL	124	465	386	62	120	22	4	15	59	7	3	63	20	.311	.413	.505	.918	135	195	13	7	5	4		75/49	AS	
1955	36	BRO	NL	105	390	317	51	81	6	2	8	36	12	3	61	18	.256	.378	.363	.740	95	115	8	3	6	3	5	57/34		
1956	37	BRO	NL	117	431	357	61	98	15	2	10	43	12	5	60	32	.275	.382	.412	.793	106	147	9	3	9	2	2	54/37	MVP-16	
10 Seasons				1382	5802	4877	947	1518	273	54	137	734	197	30	740	291	.311	.409	.474	.883	131	2310	113	72	104	9	7			
162 Game Avg.				162	680	572	111	178	32	6	16	86	23		87	34	.311	.409	.474	.883	131	271	13	8	12					

Ebbets Field





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