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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What is the author's main purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to inform the reader about the life of Jackie Robinson and the difference he made in civil rights
 - Ⓑ to persuade the reader to research more about the history of baseball
 - Ⓒ to entertain the reader with stories from Jackie Robinson's childhood
 - Ⓓ to inform the reader about Jackie Robinson's time fighting in World War II
2. Which of these events happened first in Jackie Robinson's life?
 - Ⓐ He became the vice president of an American company.
 - Ⓑ He joined the army and fought in World War II.
 - Ⓒ He left college to support his family, who had very little money.
 - Ⓓ He was born into a poor family in Georgia.
3. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Jackie Robinson was a nice and friendly man.
 - Ⓑ Jackie Robinson was a baseball player.
 - Ⓒ Jackie Robinson helped end segregation in baseball.
 - Ⓓ Jackie Robinson showed that athletes can be successful.
4. Which word best describes Jackie Robinson?
 - Ⓐ shy
 - Ⓑ funny
 - Ⓒ weak
 - Ⓓ brave

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5. The word **prejudice** means _____.
 - Ⓐ freedoms or powers that people can justly claim
 - Ⓑ an opinion that is developed without an understanding of a certain person, group, or subject
 - Ⓒ people trained in sports, games, or other activities that require strength, speed, and skill
 - Ⓓ something that must happen before something else can happen
6. How was Jackie Robinson different from the other baseball players of his time in major league baseball?
 - Ⓐ He never learned how to read or write.
 - Ⓑ He was the only player to have children.
 - Ⓒ He was the oldest baseball player.
 - Ⓓ He was African American.
7. What did Jackie Robinson do after he left baseball in 1957?
 - Ⓐ He went into business and became the first black vice president of a U.S. national company.
 - Ⓑ He became the coach of the Brooklyn Dodgers and continued to recruit African American baseball players.
 - Ⓒ He retired with his wife and children to a small town in Georgia.
 - Ⓓ He became a baseball commentator and traveled the country watching different games.
8. What caused Jackie Robinson to get arrested?
 - Ⓐ He broke the law when he joined a professional baseball team.
 - Ⓑ He fought for civil rights by playing great baseball.
 - Ⓒ He refused to sit in the back of the army bus.
 - Ⓓ He started a fight with a white baseball player.

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9. Which of the following sentences from the book shows Jackie Robinson's influence?

- Ⓐ *After his time in the army, Robinson played baseball.*
- Ⓑ *He left college in 1941 to help support his family and did not finish school.*
- Ⓒ *Robinson was arrested, but many people defended him.*
- Ⓓ *His courage made him a baseball hero and a champion for equal rights.*

10. Which word means about the same as **segregated**?

- Ⓐ professional
- Ⓑ freed
- Ⓒ united
- Ⓓ separated

11. **Extended Response:** Why does the author say that Jackie Robinson is the reason there are more people of color playing sports than ever before?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Jackie Robinson

Main Comprehension Skill: Elements of a Biography

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓓ *Elements of a Biography*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Elements of a Biography*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include that Jackie Robinson was the first African American baseball player in America, and he paved the way for other athletes of color to play professional sports.