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

1. Which word best describes Jackie Robinson?
 - Ⓐ shy
 - Ⓑ funny
 - Ⓒ weak
 - Ⓓ brave
2. What caused Jackie Robinson to leave college in 1941?
 - Ⓐ He left because his college professors were unkind to him.
 - Ⓑ He left because African Americans were not allowed to play sports.
 - Ⓒ He left to support his family, who had very little money.
 - Ⓓ He left to join the army and fight in World War II.
3. What is the most likely reason the author wrote *Jackie Robinson*?
 - Ⓐ to inform the reader about the life of Jackie Robinson and how he helped fight prejudice
 - Ⓑ to entertain the reader with stories of Jackie Robinson's childhood
 - Ⓒ to persuade the reader to play baseball, just like Jackie Robinson did
 - Ⓓ to inform the reader about the history of baseball in America
4. 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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5. The word **prejudice** means _____.
 - Ⓐ freedoms or powers that people can justly claim
 - Ⓑ an opinion that is made without an understanding of a certain person, group, or subject
 - Ⓒ people trained in sports, games, or other activities that require strength, speed, and skill
 - Ⓓ a circumstance that must happen before something else can happen
6. Which of the following sentences from the book shows that Jackie Robinson still makes a difference in the world today?
 - Ⓐ *Wearing number 42, Robinson took the field on April 15, 1947.*
 - Ⓑ *Today, more people of color play in the world of sports than ever before.*
 - Ⓒ *Robinson could only fight prejudice one way—by playing great baseball.*
 - Ⓓ *In college, he was a star on his school's football, track, basketball, and baseball teams.*

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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. Jackie Robinson believed that _____.
 - Ⓐ only rich people could play sports in college
 - Ⓑ serving in the army would help his baseball career
 - Ⓒ white athletes should play separately from black athletes
 - Ⓓ there should not be separate baseball leagues based on skin color
9. How was Jackie Robinson different from his teammates?
 - Ⓐ He was married.
 - Ⓑ He was the oldest member of the team.
 - Ⓒ He was African American.
 - Ⓓ He was both the coach and a player.
10. Which word means about the same as **segregated**?
 - Ⓐ united
 - Ⓑ separated
 - Ⓒ professional
 - Ⓓ freed
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. Ⓓ *Elements of a Biography*
2. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Elements of a Biography*
7. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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.