



Legacy of Legends Program Overview

A Negro Leagues History, Character, Leadership & Legacy Learning Experience for
Students

Created for school leaders, teachers, community partners and education ambassadors

Prepared by Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Player Company (YNLBPC)

The game remembered. The legacy lives on.

Welcome & Legacy Message



Welcome to the **Legacy of Legends Education Program**, an educational film and history experience created by **Yesterday's Negro League Baseball Player Company - YNLBPC**.

This program was created to help young people see, feel and understand a part of American history that is too often overlooked. Through the true-life inspiration of **Dennis "Bose" Biddle** and the history of the **Negro Leagues**, students are introduced to a story of courage, discipline, perseverance, family sacrifice, teamwork, leadership and community pride.

Legacy of Legends is more than a movie. It is a bridge between generations. It connects the wisdom of elders with the curiosity of young people. It uses animation, baseball, storytelling and classroom reflection to help students understand that history is not only something written in books. History lives through people, families, communities and the choices we make.

The purpose of this program is to bring the Negro League story into schools in a way that is visual, memorable, respectful and meaningful for today's students.

Core idea: students watch the teaser, discuss the history, complete a worksheet, and reflect on the legacy they will carry forward.

Program Purpose & Objectives

The **Legacy of Legends Education Program** uses the teaser film and future 7-episode learning series as classroom tools for history, character development, leadership and legacy reflection.

History	Introduce students to the fuller story of Black baseball, including the Negro Leagues and the generations of players, families and communities connected to that history.
Character	Highlight perseverance, discipline, teamwork, courage, respect for elders and community pride through story and reflection.
Leadership	Help students connect history to personal responsibility by asking: What legacy will I carry forward?
Classroom Use	Provide schools with a structured teaser lesson, student worksheet, teacher discussion guide and pathway into the full 7-episode series.

Historical reference points used in the teaser curriculum

- Black players were part of professional baseball before the modern MLB color barrier was reopened.
- Moses Fleetwood Walker is an important early reference point in 1884.
- Plessy v. Ferguson in 1896 is a key reference point for the hardening of segregation in American life.
- Jackie Robinson's 1947 MLB debut is presented as the reopening/breaking of the modern MLB color barrier, not the beginning of Black professional baseball history.

Teaser Curriculum Pilot

The teaser is the school's first step into the full **Legacy of Legends** learning experience. It is designed as a 30- to 45-minute mini-lesson that can be led by a teacher, school leader or trained YNLBPC Education Ambassador.

Time	Segment	Classroom Focus
5 min	Before Watching	Students answer: What do you know about the Negro Leagues? What does legacy mean?
3 min	Watch the Teaser	Students watch for people, places, historical clues, emotions and values.
10 min	Guided History	Clarify Black baseball before the modern color barrier, segregation, the Negro Leagues and 1947.
15 min	Student Worksheet	Students record what they saw, learned, felt and questioned.
12 min	Discussion & Reflection	Students identify one value they observed and one legacy they want to carry forward.

Teaser worksheet focus

- Observation: what students saw, heard and felt
- History: what students learned about Black baseball and the Negro Leagues
- Vocabulary: legacy, perseverance, discipline, segregation, community, leadership
- Values: courage, teamwork, respect for elders, dignity, sacrifice
- Reflection: what legacy students want to carry forward in school, family or community

Student Outcomes - More Than Baseball

The program uses baseball as the doorway, but the learning reaches into history, identity, writing, discussion, leadership and personal reflection.



Students learn history	Students encounter a fuller story of Black baseball before, during and after the rise of the Negro Leagues.
Students identify values	Students name examples of discipline, courage, teamwork, perseverance, respect for elders and community pride.
Students reflect personally	Students connect the film to their own lives by writing about the legacy they want to carry forward.

Pathway: 7-Episode Learning Series

The teaser introduces the program. The seven episodes become the continuing curriculum. Each episode can include an animated segment, student worksheet, teacher discussion guide, vocabulary words and a reflection activity.

Ep.	Episode	History Focus	Student Value
1	The Train of Memory	History begins with listening	Curiosity and respect for elders
2	Before the Door Closed	Black baseball before the modern color barrier	Historical truth
3	When They Closed the Door	Segregation and denied opportunity	Justice and critical thinking
4	We Built Our Own Game	The rise of Black baseball institutions	Community strength
5	Life on the Road	Travel, sacrifice and dignity	Perseverance
6	Bose Biddle's Journey	Young Bose enters the Negro Leagues	Courage and family sacrifice
7	The Legacy Returns	The children carry the story forward	Leadership and responsibility



School Use & Program Options

The program is designed to be flexible. It can be used as a school assembly, classroom lesson, Black History Month program, leadership activity, social studies supplement, cultural arts presentation or youth enrichment experience.

Teaser Educational Presentation	A short school introduction using the teaser, student worksheet and teacher discussion guide. Best for first-time schools.
7-Episode Learning Series	A continuing curriculum pathway with one focused history theme and one character value per episode.
District / Multi-School Program	A larger option for districts, youth programs and community education partners.
Education Ambassador Support	Trained YNLBPC representatives can introduce the program, explain the education value and support school implementation.

Next Step for Schools

Schedule a teaser preview or pilot presentation and review the student worksheet with your instructional team.

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