On Tuesday, April 15 all MLB teams honored Jackie Robinson’s legacy by wearing the number 42 on the back of their jerseys. Seventy-three years ago, Robinson broke baseball’s color barrier when he made his historic MLB debut. Learn more about Jackie Robinson below!

Full name: Jack Roosevelt Robinson
Birthday: January 31, 1919
Born in: Cairo, GA

- Youngest child out of five siblings
- Played for the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947-56
- Broke the Major League Baseball color barrier after more than 50 years of segregation
- Played a major role in the Civil Rights Movement
- Was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984
- Played in six World Series, won Rookie of the Year in 1947, and National League MVP in 1949