Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By
written by Sharon Robinson

Official Essay Contest
Enrollment Form

BOOK ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT, January 11, 2014

Theme: Throughout his life, Jackie Robinson exemplified the values of courage, determination, teamwork, persistence, integrity, citizenship, justice, commitment, and excellence. Jackie Robinson lived these nine values and inspired others to follow his example. In Jackie Robinson's own words, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

Task: Using examples from *Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By*, write an essay that tells how Jackie Robinson and one of the other individuals in this book exemplified these nine values. Also explain the importance of the message in this book and its relevance to your life.

Essay Format…please follow these directions:

1. Your essay must be between 300 and 500 words in length.
2. Use complete sentences.
3. In your introduction, address the theme: ***Throughout his life, Jackie Robinson exemplified the values of courage, determination, teamwork, persistence, integrity, citizenship, justice, commitment, and excellence. Jackie Robinson lived these nine values and inspired others to follow his example.*** Use examples from the book, to support your answer. Your essay will be judged on how well you answer with specific examples, and on organization, grammar and spelling.
4. Write two or three paragraphs that support your viewpoint. Be sure to include topic sentences and cite specific examples and/or quotes from *Jackie's Nine.*
5. In your conclusion, use a topic sentence to rephrase your belief. Also, explain the importance of Ms. Robinson's book to you personally.

Winners

The winners, selected from throughout New York State, will be notified by mail.

- Each winner will be awarded a $500 U.S. Savings Bond.
- Each winner will be invited to meet author Sharon Robinson in Jamestown, New York on Feb. 18, 2014.
- Acceptance of the prize constitutes permission to use winner's name, likeness and essay for public relations purposes without additional compensation or consent.
- Winning essays will be printed and distributed by the Robert H. Jackson Center and the New York Bar Association; neither organization is responsible for any liability associated with the acceptance of the prize package.

Requirements

- You must be a 5th through 12th grade student in New York State.
- You must complete the "Essay Contest Enrollment Form" below and staple it to your essay.
- You must follow the "Essay Format" (see above).
- Your essay must be typewritten, double-spaced and be an original work of scholarship.
- All sources must be listed.
- Deadline will be strictly observed.

Essay Contest Submissions

- Entries are to be submitted to your classroom teacher.
- Each participating ***school*** should select and send only ***one essay per grade level.***
- Please mail student entries, with this enrollment form attached to each one, in one packet to:
  Law, Youth & Citizenship Program/ ***Essay Contest***
  New York State Bar Association
  One Elk Street
  Albany, NY 12207

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Essay Contest Enrollment Form

Student's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

County: _____

Home phone: _____

School you attend: _____

School phone: ___(_____)_____

Current grade _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's email: _____

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WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY January 17, 2014.

Judging Criteria

The essays will be judged for content, organization, clarity and style. Be sure to develop the theme and carefully follow the contest directions. The judging panel will be comprised of teachers and educators selected by the Law, Youth & Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association. The decisions of the judges are final, and all entries become the property of the NYSBA Law, Youth and Citizenship Program and of the Robert H. Jackson Center. Immediate family members of the Jackson Center or its employees are ineligible.