

*BATTER UP LESSONS*

**Larry Doby and The Negro Leagues**  
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| <b>Learning Objective</b>  | <b>Essential Question(s)</b>  | <b>Suggested Activities</b>                  | <b>Standards</b>  |
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| The student will be able to summarize the contributions of Larry Doby to baseball and to Paterson. | How did Larry Doby's breaking of the "color line" support and extend that of Jackie Robinson's? | Interview local persons who knew Larry Doby. | 6.1.12.HistorySE.14.b:<br>Use a variety of sources from diverse perspective to analyze the social, economic and political contributions of marginalized and underrepresented groups and/or individuals. |

**Research Sources**

**Note: At the time of this publication these websites were active.**

"The first black player in the American League, Doby joined the Cleveland Indians in July 1947, just three months after Jackie Robinson signed with the National League's Brooklyn Dodgers.

In 1948, as a starting outfielder, Doby was a dominant force in the Indians' World Series defeat of the Boston Braves. Doby is one of only four Negro League players (Monte Irvin, Willie Mays and Satchel Paige) to play in both a Negro Leagues and Major League World Series."

<https://nlbemuseum.com/history/players/doby.html>

"But not all of Doby's achievements followed another black player. In his rookie season, Doby and pitcher Satchel Paige became the first African-Americans to win a World Series as the Indians defeated the Boston Braves in six games. That also happens to be the last time Cleveland won the Fall Classic. Doby was a nightmare for opposing pitchers, as he hit 14 homers, 23 doubles and 9 triples, drove in 66 runs and had a batting average of .301 in 121 games. In the World Series, Doby hit a home run in Cleveland's 2-1 win in Game 4 and finished with two RBIs on 7-of-22 batting for the series."

<https://andscape.com/features/when-clevelands-larry-doby-and-satchel-paige-became-the-first-african-americans-to-win-a-world-series/>

"Perhaps no one is more remembered for being second than Larry Doby.

He was the second African-American to play Major League Baseball in the modern era after Jackie Robinson. He was the second African-American manager of a major league club after Frank Robinson. He may have been second in those two regards, but Larry Doby was so much more."

<https://baseballhall.org/hall-of-famers/doby-larry>

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“Center field at the Indians' home park was once Larry Doby's domain, the place where the man who integrated the American League established himself as a seven-time All-Star and Hall of Famer. But come July, it will be a different Doby out in center -- not breaking down a barrier, but setting up a stage.

Larry Doby Jr. has spent the last 23 years as a rigger on Billy Joel's road crew, which made Thursday's announcement that Joel will headline a concert at Progressive Field so meaningful for him. Joel will play the show on July 14, exactly 70 years and nine days after the elder Doby debuted with the Tribe.”

<https://www.mlb.com/news/larry-doby-jr-tied-to-indians-through-father-c212920778>

“Every April 15 since 2004, Major League Baseball has celebrated Jackie Robinson Day. It’s time it started celebrating Larry Doby Day, too.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/07/04/larry-doby-baseball-honor-jackie-robinson/>

Book about Larry Doby

<https://www.amazon.com/Pride-Against-Prejudice-Biography-Larry/dp/0275929841>