

NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES

DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS ACTIVITY

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

DIRECTIONS: Read the following story and then follow the instructions below.

In 1945, the Boston Red Sox agreed to offer tryouts to black players for the first time. Three players, including Jackie Robinson, went for a tryout. Robinson had a great day, impressing many members of the team who crowded into the dugout to watch him at bat.

Red Sox scout Hugh Duffy was watching too. Reports say he commented, "What a ballplayer! Too bad he's the wrong color."

(anecdote taken from The Negro Leagues' Integration Era, p. 22)

1. Do you agree or disagree with Duffy's viewpoint? Why or why not? Write a paragraph describing your opinion.

2. Now imagine you agree with the opposite viewpoint of what you've just written. Decide what would make you think that way, and write a paragraph explaining why.