

Name: _____ Fifth Grade

The Negro Baseball Leagues: Comparing Themes Essay

Directions:

- Read the three texts that are included in your packet, pages 44-49: “The Negro Baseball Leagues,” “Women of the Negro Leagues,” and “Jack Roosevelt Robinson: Baseball’s First Black Superstar.” (**NOTICE HOW I PUT THE TITLES OF THE ARTICLES IN QUOTATION MARKS!**)
- Write an essay comparing **ONE** similar **theme** found in **ALL THREE** articles. This essay is due on loose-leaf.
- **Theme:** a recurring idea or subject.
- Be sure that you choose meaningful similarities found within the **ONE theme**. Think hard. Dig deep to find meaningful similarities **OF THE ONE THEME**.
- Be sure to include an introduction that has a strong hook. Be sure that you state your **claim** (the main point you are trying to make about the **ONE THEME**).
- Use three quotes to support your **claim** (but no more than three quotes). Be sure that your quotes are only one sentence long. Be sure to cite your source using the MLA format (author page). See the “What does the text SAY?” packet for the MLA format.
- Write several paragraphs that include many facts and evidence from the text to support your **claim** (the main point you are trying to make about the **ONE THEME found in all three articles**).
- Use the RACE format (found in your packet) to help you do your very best. **USE THE WRITING PROMPTS FOUND IN YOUR PACKET.**
- Write as much as you can, as quickly as you can. You may use several sheets of loose-leaf paper.