

Close Reading Activity –A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson David Alder

When will the close reading activity occur in the unit? Week Two During Text Talk Time with teacher and reformer group.

Text Excerpt

In 1942, Jackie Robinson was drafted into the army and sent to Fort Riley, Kansas.

“colored”

“I’m looking for a ball player with guts enough not to fight back.”

Text-Dependent Questions

To build confidence I will ask:

Who is the book about?

What made him famous?

FIRST EXCERPT

What does “drafted” mean? What is the difference between being drafted and signing up?

SECOND EXCERPT

Look at the sign that says, “colored” with an arrow. What do you think the sign means? Why is it there?

THIRD EXCERPT

What does the Branch Rickey mean when he says –“ guts enough not to fight back”? Why would Jackie want to fight?

How does the author show that Jackie had “guts enough”?

What were some of the things the author says happened to Jackie when he was on the baseball team?