

# **Beginner Biography**

Do you have a favorite role model?

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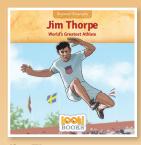
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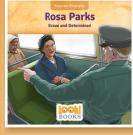
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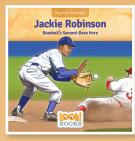
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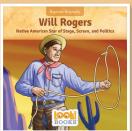
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On December 1, 1955, Rosa was riding a city bus home from her job at a department store in Montgomery, Alabama. "Colored" passengers had to ride in a special section at the back of the bus. Rosa was sitting in the first row of that section.



When the bus filled up, the driver asked Rosa and other Black passengers to stand so white riders could sit. Rosa refused. The driver called the police, and Rosa was arrested.

From Rosa Parks

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Will Rogers was one of the most famous actors and authors of the 1920s and 1930s. But his life did not begin in the spotlight. Will was born on November 4, 1879 in Oologah, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). His parents were part Cherokee.

Will grew up on his family's ranch. There, he learned to care

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Helen also fought for women's rights. She spoke at public meetings to demand that women get paid equally as men. She also worked to get women the right to vote.

On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was signed into law. It officially gave women the right to vote. But Helen didn't stop there.



From Helen Keller

### **Negro Leagues**

After college, Jackie played semi-professional football for two years in Hawaii and California. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. He served from 1942-1944, but never went to war.



Soon, Jackie returned to baseball. In early 1945, he joined the Negro Leagues, a professional baseball league for African American players. At the time, Blacks were not allowed to play Major League Baseball (MLB).