Ch. 1
Why do you think this book begins the way it does—with a baseball game? Why doesn’t it start at the beginning—with Jackie’s birth?
Ch. 2

How much do you think Mallie Robinson contributed to JR’s future success? How did she prepare Jackie for what he would experience in baseball?
Ch. 3

JR grew up without his father, Jerry Robinson. Jackie missed his father, but do you think he would have been better off with Jerry in the home? Why?
Ch. 4

Fortunately, young Jackie avoided becoming a delinquent. List the names of those who were most helpful to Jackie—and how they kept him out of trouble.
JR stood up to the racism he encountered in the military. For example, he refused to sit in the back of the military bus. This got him into trouble. Did Jackie do the right thing?
What does Branch Rickey mean when he says he wants a ballplayer “with guts enough NOT to fight back”? 
Ch. 7

Jackie forever changed major league baseball—and American racial attitudes. But did this experience also change him?
Ch. 8

What do you think of JR’s decision to quit baseball and go to work for Chock Full o’ Nuts? Did he quit baseball too soon? too late?
Ch. 9

What do you think of JR’s political involvement, especially with the civil rights movement. Was it a good idea?
Ch. 10

If you had had the opportunity to speak at JR’s funeral (as Jesse Jackson did), what words would you like to have spoken? How would you sum up the life of Jackie Robinson?