

Event: 1955 Cannon Street YMCA All Stars

Grade Level: 3-5

Subject: ELA

Introductory Statement:

The Cannon Street YMCA All Stars were a baseball team made up of 14 ball players in the Charleston Cannon Street YMCA Little League. This Little League was the only African American league in the South supported by the Little League Baseball Incorporation. Because of the events that happened in 1955, African American baseball made significant advances.

Standards Addressed:

RI.3.2/RI.3.6/RI.3.8/RI.4.2/RI.4.5/RI.4.3/RI.5.2/RI.5.5/RI.5.9/W.3.1/W.4.1/W.5.1

Goals/Objectives:

The student will be able to read and comprehend informational text. The student will be able to summarize and sequence the events of the 1955 Cannon Street YMCA All-Stars. The student will be able to create writing from a different point of view/perspective of a baseball player in the league.

Items/Materials Needed:

2014 AT&T Calendar

Paper/Pencils

Computers/Internet (if appropriate for grade)

Youtube video –www.youtube.com

(1955 Cannon Street All Stars)

Activity:

1. The student will view the youtube video interview.
 - a. Go to www.youtube.com
 - b. Type in 1955 Cannon Street All Stars
 - c. Click on the video that is 3.5 minutes long.
2. The student will be presented with informational text from the Calendar on the 1955 Cannon Street YMCA All-Stars.
3. The student will go over the information and discuss the event as a group.
4. The student will have the print-out for reference.
5. If age-appropriate, the student will have access to a computer to do additional research.
6. The student will write a letter from the point of view of a baseball player on the YMCA All Star team expressing how the events made him feel, etc.
7. Upon completion, the student will turn in his/her work for a grade.

Rubric for Writing (points determined by classroom teacher)

•Date

•Greeting

- Indention
- Closing
- Point of view established
- Writing is clear, relevant and on-task
- Neat Handwriting
- Minimal Spelling Errors

