

Spotlight Guide 2022 - 2023

A Big Day for Jackie Robinson: A Magic Tree House Adventure



Based upon the book by
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PLAY BALL! Jack and Annie aren't great baseball players . . . yet! Then Morgan the librarian gives them magical baseball caps that will make them experts. They just need to wear the caps to a special ballgame in Brooklyn, New York. The magic tree house whisks them back to 1947!

When they arrive, Jack and Annie find out that they will be batboys in the game—not ballplayers. What exactly does Morgan want them to learn? And what's so special about this game? They only have nine innings to find out!

Activities

• **Setting The Scene**

As a class, use a map to locate Brooklyn, New York, and ask them to imagine what life might have been like in 1947.

• **Discussion Questions**

What lesson do this story teach about American history? Is there a moral? What from the story makes you think that?

• **Design a Backdrop**

If Jack and Annie were in Brooklyn, what would the buildings and decorations behind them look like?

• **Build A Story**

Read students a Magic Treehouse story, ask the students to illustrate the action as it occurred in the story.

• **Friendly Letter Writing**

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Florida Standards

LAFS.4.W.1: Text Types and Purposes
LAFS.4.RI.1: Key Ideas and Details
LAFS.4.RL.3: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
LAFS.3.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details
TH.2.F.2: Careers in and related to the arts
TH.4.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential.
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Content appropriate for all audiences.

Children two years of age and younger may sit on laps. Older children must have a ticket.