

The Hero Two Doors Down

Sharon Robinson

1. Why was Dwrocher, the manager of the Dodgers, suspended for a season?
He is a good manager, but he let his personal life get in the way of his success.
2. What happened to Pete Reiser the Dodger's star outfielder?
He injured his ankle. After years of serious injuries, he was saying his career was over.
3. What did Steve do to show that he was disrespectful toward Mrs. Maliken?
He pushed her.
4. What was the lesson Stephen learned?
He learned that he has to be responsible for his behavior and follow the rules
5. What does Barnstorm mean?
A team that travels to a bunch of towns to play practice games.
6. Why did Branch Ricky have the 1947 Dodgers train and bring them to the Dominican Republic?
The color of skin kept black and Latin American players out of major league baseball for many years until Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier.
7. How many black or Latin American players are on the Dodgers' roster in 1947?
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8. What was Stephen doing that showed he was excited that upset his mother?
Mom scolded him "How many times do I have to tell you not to lean out of the window?"
9. How old was Stephen during Jackie's Robinson rookie season that made him a true Dodgers fan?
8 years old
10. What was Jackie's batting average and how many times was he hit by pitchers?
His batting average was 300 and he was hit six times.
11. Why did Stephen sit up straight when listening to the game over the radio?
Jackie stole a home base for the first time in his Major League baseball career!
12. What field did Jackie and Pee Wee play on?
Ebbets Field

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13. How are Stephen's mom and Mrs. Robinson's careers alike?

They are both nurses.

14. What was Jackie's Robinson dream to have one day?

"I'd like a house with enough land so my son could have a dog."

15. What was the name of the gang Jackie joined as a child?

The Pepper Street gang

16. Who was Jackie's role model that turned him around?

Reverend Downs

17. What was the gift that Jackie gave to Steven?

Jackie's practice mitt

18. What was the birthday present that Jackie gave to Steven?

He was able to celebrate his birthday with the class on June 24 by going to the game.

19. What was the bad news that made Steven's father upset?

August 16 Babe Ruth dies of cancer

20. What had Jackie never done?

He never went sledding.

21. Why were Steven's parents upset when they found a Christmas tree in their home?

This was not a Jewish tradition and the fact that they don't celebrate Christmas.

22. Why was Steven upset about his parent's reaction to the Christmas tree?

This was a gift given out of friendship. He didn't want anything to spoil this friendship with Jackie.

23. What lesson did his dad learn?

Dad had to be flexible. He said: "We will dedicate the first day of Hanukkah to peace. You may keep the tree as a gift of friendship. We are blessed."

24. What happened when Jackie celebrated Hanukkah with Steven's family?

Jackie helped Steven light the first candle on the menorah.

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25. What did Steven teach Jackie?

He taught him how to play stoopball. (a game based on baseball in which a player throws a ball against a stoop or wall, with the number of bounces representing the number of bases reached)

26. What happened when Steve's father made Steve wait outside the stadium for a while?

Steve was able to meet Roy Campanella and Jackie.

27. Why did Steven fight with the older boys?

The boys had insulted Jackie.

28. Why was building a model plane with Steven important to his father?

He had always wanted to share the things he loved with Steven.