Values and Barriers

We all face different kinds of barriers in our lives. Read on to learn how students across the country have overcome their unique barriers by using Jackie Robinson’s Nine Values.

**Asma**, Grade 5, New York  
**Barrier:** Wearing a head covering as part of her Muslim culture  
“Like Jackie Robinson, I was discriminated against and treated poorly. **Integrity** is a value Jackie and I used to help us get through being treated this way.... He didn’t fight back and never let others get the reaction they wanted. I’ve done the same.”

**Zoe**, Grade 5, Ohio  
**Barrier:** Dyslexia  
“I was determined to take my feelings of sadness and frustration and turn them into something positive.... Like Jackie Robinson, I was going to be **persistent** and not ‘wait ‘til next year.’ ”

**Hafsa**, Grade 6, New York  
**Barrier:** Mother’s death  
“I can’t forget that day, but I did have to find a way to move on.... One of Jackie Robinson’s values, **courage** , has helped me through this challenge. Courage has helped me live a day at a time without the love and guidance my mom provided.”

**Colin**, Grade 7, Iowa  
**Barrier:** Parents’ divorce  
“The thought of my parents leaving each other was horrifying enough but it actually happening was much worse than I ever thought.... I stayed strong through all of this by using Jackie Robinson’s value of **excellence**.... Even though everything was pretty bad, I did my best.”

**Gabrielle**, Grade 8, Michigan  
**Barrier:** Racial bullying at school  
“I knew that it would require **teamwork** for me to gather up **courage** to stand up to her.... I reached out to all of my friends and asked them if she had ever said anything racist towards them.... I was shocked and I knew we had to tell the principal about this.”