

# Breaking the Colour Barrier Matériel Pédagogique

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Origine et Citoyenneté : l'Histoire d'un Groupe Ethnique Canadien

- **❖** Plan de cours de onzième année
- **❖** Niveau ouvert











## Plan de Cours Onzième Année

Cours: Origines et Citoyenneté: L'Histoire d'un Groupe Ethnique Canadien, Onzième Année

Niveau: Ouverte

Temps: 1 à 2 périodes de 75 minutes

### Attentes du Curriculum

### Les étudiants vont:

D2.2 Analyser des défis que le racisme et les préjugés institutionnalisés ont présenté à différents groupes ethniques au Canada, avec une concentration particulière, sur le groupe ethnique choisi (ex: avec référence à la ségrégation, la discrimination dans les emplois et/ou lieux sociaux, l'antisémitisme, l'assimilation, les stéréotypes, le profilage racial et l'internement). D3.1 Décrire les contributions de différents groupes ethniques, incluant des groupes spécifiques à l'étude, dans leurs propres communautés et au développement de la culture et l'identité Canadienne (ex: Avec référence à la littérature, les arts, les films, la télévision, la politique, les médias, l'éducation, les sciences, la technologie, les sports et les affaires).

## Description

Les étudiants vont analyser des documents de sources primaires et secondaires au sujet des 1934 Chatham Coloured All-Stars. Ils vont lire trois articles et voir une photo. Une fois terminé, ils vont compléter les activités d'analyse.

Les étudiants peuvent accéder aux documents de l'exposition des Chatham Coloured All-Stars à: <a href="http://cdigs.uwindsor.ca/BreakingColourBarrier/">http://cdigs.uwindsor.ca/BreakingColourBarrier/</a>

## **Compétences Pré-requises:**

- La différence entre les sources primaires et secondaires.
- Les définitions du racisme, des préjugés, de la ségrégation et de la discrimination.

## À noter:

Il est bénéfique pour les étudiants de savoir que lors des années 1800, cinq familles noires se sont installées le long du Ruisseau McGregor dans le petit village de Chatham, connu sous le nom des «Fourchettes». Le village est aussitôt devenu un abri pour les esclaves échappés qui fuyaient l'esclavage et l'oppression des États-Unis. En 1850, un tier de la population de Chatham était noire.

Arrivés là, les noirs à Chatham ont réussi dans le domaine du commerce, de l'éducation, de la médecine, dans les sports et dans les arts littéraires et culturels. Des échos de leur succès ont attiré dans la région des noirs en provenance de partout à travers l'Amérique du Nord.

L'histoire des noirs à Chatham est non seulement de signification locale; les années de contribution noire et leur participation dans le Sud de l'Ontario a laissé une impression fondamentale sur le paysage national.

S'il-vous-plait visitez <a href="https://ckbhs.org/">https://ckbhs.org/</a> pour d'autres informations au sujet de l'histoire des Noirs à Chatham.

Il est important de noter que les termes «colorés» et «nègres» ne sont plus des termes acceptables. «Noirs» et «Afro-Canadiens» sont utilisés pour se référer aux Canadiens de descendance Africaine.

## Matériel/Ressources

- Tâches en ligne
- Photo des 1934 Chatham Coloured All-Stars
- Boomer Harding, un Homme Remarquable entrevue/article
- Article des All Stars
- Article «Si un Gant de Baseball pouvait parler»
- Tâche «Analyser des Documents de Sources Primaires et Secondaires»

## Évaluation

Les tâches peuvent être évaluées pour la compréhension.

## **Pour Commencer**

Introduire les étudiants aux Chatham Coloured All-Stars. Les informer de ce qu'ils vont apprendre au sujet de leurs expériences, leurs défis et leur succès remarquable. Pour ce faire, ils vont analyser trois documents et une photo.

## Au Travail

Les étudiants vont analyser une photo et trois articles. Ensuite, ils vont compléter les tâches qui suivent.

## Activités d'Extension

Les étudiants peuvent écrire un des articles comme si c'était écrit aujourd'hui. Les étudiants peuvent développer dix questions d'entrevue pour questionner les Chatham Coloured All Stars. Ensuite, ils peuvent jouer le rôle des membres de l'équipe et bien répondre aux questions.

# Analyser des Documents de Sources Primaires et Secondaires

Origines et Citoyenneté: L'histoire d'un groupe ethnique Canadien

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Les Chatham Coloured All-Stars ont commencé en 1933 avec plusieurs joutes amicales. En 1934, les All-Stars sont entrés dans la Ligue de l'Association du Baseball de l'Ontario. Malgré la discrimination raciale qu'ils ont affrontée, les All-Stars ont eu une saison remplie de succès, en devenant la première équipe entièrement noire à gagner le championnat OBA.

Analyse les quatre documents reliés aux Chatham Coloured All-Stars et réponds aux questions qui suivent.



## Analyser une source primaire

1. Quels sont vos premières impressions?	
2. Quelle type de photo est- ce que c'est?	
3. Qui vois-tu?	
4. Quels objets vois-tu?	
5. Qu'est-ce qui se passe?	
6. Dans une phrase, résume la photo.	
7. Qui penses-tu a pris cette photo? Pourquoi?	
8. Pourquoi penses-tu que cette photo a été prise? Utilise des preuves pour expliquer.	
9. Quand penses-tu que cette photo a été prise?	
10. Qu'est-ce que tu as appris de nouveau?	
11. Quelles questions astu?	
12. Donne à cette photo un sous-titre.	

they'll tell you the man who delivered mail to their doors for 55 years is one of the linest numan beings they've ever met.

Compassionate. Never an unkind word, they say- unassuming. Loves age and kius. Outwardly friendly and inwardly shy. Nice man. Every-

body says Boomer narding is a gentleman.

Few people here, however, rarely mention Boomer's standing as one of the city's most outstanding athletes over four decades...even in knowing his basement is a virtual sports hall of same.

more than of trophies, three boxes of newspaper clippings and an end wall smothered with Chenille crests, medals and pictures of teams

ne played for, confirm his athletic prowess.

Anyone would be flattered to be so decorated. To Boomer Harding however, the memorapatia is simply that. Memaries. Good ones Sau ones. Reminders only of the fun he had and the lasting friendships he developed over 40-plus years of competition.

Ah, there's a great ol' photo. The 1934 Colored All-Stars Dase-

ball team- Chatham's first Ontario champions.

"It was strictly a fun thing with team." Boomer said. "There was no TV in those days. rew people had radios and hardly anybody who grew up in the east end around Stirling Park had a car. If a young fella didn't get himself into baseball he generally got himself into jail. The game was a kind of release from it all for most of us. Gosh, what a great time we had..."

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we had even less than that, Boomer said. We had to go on the
road and sort of barnstorm across the provinge to pick upenough
mency to buy our bats. We were an all colored team, of course and
something of an attraction from that standpoint but we had an exceptionally good team too.

WE we travelled in borrewed cars and maybe without knowing it even stolen cars. I don't know. Alot of the trips were made with the whole team riding in the back of a Taylor's Mill flour pickwing truck. we'd go anywhere, anytime for a ballgame.... and a dollar or two."

Earl (Flat) Chase, Don East Washington, a leithanded third baseman by the name of king Terrell and Don Taborn were the acknowledged stars. Oldtimers in the area contend these four had major league potential. None of them were ever considered, of course, be-

cause placks were barred from playing with the pros.

"We had an exhibition game one day against a Detroit team which include several of the Tigers," Boomer said. "When the Detroit manager found out we were colored he threatened to call off the game. Luckily he found out one of our players was an indian chap by the name of Wally Shognosh. At that the Detroit manager said we'd better all be Indians in a hurry or his guys wouldn't take the field. So...Ior a day we were Indian."

Flat was unquestionably the most gifted player in the country at the time. His batting feats are legendary from Detroit to Penatan-

guisnine.

"If you were in welland today and told anybody you were from Chatham, the first thing they'd tell you would be about the nomerun Flat nit there one day." Bommer said. "It was one of my greatest moments because I was on first base when he nit it. The ball not only cleared the right field fence, it cleared a building way behind the rence. People in welland later said the ball ended up downtown. Flat was the most gifted nitter i've ever seen. There's no question in anybody's mind who ever saw him that he would have been a major

con't.

leaguer had it not been for the color barrier.

Flat was also an accomplished pitcher. He outduelled Phil Marchiluon in the 34 Ontario championships series. Marchildon later went on to pitch for Connie Mack's old xxmxxx American League Philadelphia

Athletics pefore World War II finished his career.

"Bad feelings throughout the series," Boomer said. "They wouldn't allow us to stay overnight in Penatanguishine because we were colored so we arove over that to Midland. We split man the first two games and the third one at Guelph was called off on account of darkness. You wouldn't have believed it. We had by five or six runs in the fourth inning. It was 4:30 in the afternoon and the sun was shining brightly. We had the bases loaded and none out - and the umpires called the game The plate ump just said too dark too continue and ran off the field.

"There was a lot of internal fighting with the OBA at the time over when the deciding game would be played. Penatang wanted it delayed one week so that Marchildon could pitch again. The OBA ruled against the delay and we played with two days rest on as Sunday in Guelph again. Marchildon started for them and Don Taborh started for us. He threw four wild pithes to the first batter. Flat came in from second base, took the ball from Taborn and pitched the rest of the game - fourth game in something like xxxxxxxxxxx six days. He beat Marchildon too. Flat was strong, strong man. Winning was great but the big thing was we had fun - King playing the piano and Flat dancing and singing."

The all stars won three succesive OBA titles inxinex and while most of the players retired Boomer went on to play with three more

senior OBA championship teams from Chatham.

Boomer Harding was also an out standing hockey player. He started on the city's outdoor rinks at Stirling and Tecumseh Farks and graduated Windsor Staffords of the old International League.

Boomer didn't make" the Chatham to club. Some of the players

didn't want coloreds on their team either.

"Aadam Brown, who played with the Red Wings at the time, got me a tryout with the Detroit Auto Club," Boomer said. "When they found out about the color thing they traded me to Windsor. We played in Detroit though.

"I remember going to Olympia one day for public skating. The guy guy at the gate stopped me. I reminded him the sign outside said public skating. He told me the sign didn't really mean what it said.

Olympia officials gave away miniature hats to any player scoring three goals in a game. Boomer a centre who had great scoring skills and always near the top of the points race in anyleague he played in never scored three goals in a game at Detroit.

"I could generally get a couple early in the game but for some strange reason I never got on the ide after that. Our coach didn't want to chance getting hanged if I was out there long enough to score

three." he said. Baseball, hockey, best pole vaulter at WOSSA meets, bowler, captain and star forward with the Ontario champion Legion 28 soccer team... the list is endless. He was second last year in the nationals doubles championships as a member of the Ontario team.

And an umpire too - baseball, xxxkxx softball, soccer and hockey referee. Today at 63 years young, Boomer Harding still officiates six days a week for whoever needs him.

"I get my biggest out of working the kids games around Dover Centre," Boomer said. "I'll pass up a big game in Chatham to work with the kids. They're great. They never cease to amaze me."

Stillwhen the big game arrives the call goes out to Boomer Harding His integrity is without question and his judgmentswithout dispute. His competence is without challenge.

Iguess what it all boils down to is respect...on and off the field.

## Boomer Harding — one great guy



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## Boomer Harding, Un homme remarquable

## Analyser un Document de Source Primaire

Titre	
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Participants	
Quel était le message principal?	
Quels faits historiques as-tu appris? Nommez-en au moins trois.	
Qu'est-ce que ce document révèle au sujet de l'identité Noire-Canadienne à cette époque?	
Est-ce qu'il y a de l'information biaisée? Explique.	
La perspective ou la voix de qui est manquante?	
Quelles questions as-tu encore?	

# All-Stars shine again



THE 1934 CHATHAM COLOURED ALL-STARS: Left to right, front row: Stanton Robbins, batboy Jack Robinson and Len Harding. Middle row: Hyle Robbins, Earl (Flat) Chase, King Terrell, Don Washington, DonTabron, Ross Talbot and Cliff Olbey. Back row: Louis Pryor, Guoy Ladd, Sagasta Harding, Wilfred (Boomer) Harding and coach Percy Parker.

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## **ALL-STARS:** Familiar with discrimination

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Horace Chase of Chatham remembers his father as a strong man with a Mike Tyson build, a pitcher for the All-Stars.

Chase will represent his dad, Earl (Flat) Chase, in today's ceremony. Others on the team agreed the pitcher-infielder was the team's best player and would have been the top candi-

date for the major leagues. Players said as many as five teammates deserved a shot at the major leagues. But the colour line — not broken by Jackie Robinson until 1947 — meant the majors were an im-possible dream for the All-Stars. None of the All-Stars played in the Negro leagues and the team never played in a

separate league for blacks-only. However, they were familiar with discrimination. Some players had trouble getting work because of their skin colour. On the road, the team was sometimes turned away from hotels and restaurants.

"Some smaller towns carried racism a bit far," team member Cliff Olbey said during a civic ceremony honouring the team in 1984. "We just stuck together as a team. It wasn't anything

but a part of life then."

Art Cartier, who spent 21 years on London's board of control and is currently a Thames Valley District School Board trustee, was a 19-year-old sports reporter for the Bor-der City (now Windsor) Star in 1934, covering Chatham.

"We just stuck together as a team. It (discrimination) wasn't anything but a part of life then."

Cliff Olbey of the Chatham Coloured All-Stars, speaking in 1984

"They were almost a novelty in those days in parts of On-tario," he recalled yesterday. "There was a real friendship among them. They made as much noise playing ball as anyone else — they were chattering all the time — but it was all part of the game. The point is, they were damn good and damn good sportsmen."

The All-Stars, formed in 1932, spent much of the decade travelling across Ontario for exhibition and league games.

They were the first black team

They were the Irist black team to enter the OBA playdowns.

In 1934, they played in the Chatham city league and rolled to the title with just a single loss. They also kept their exhibition schedule. Grow playing bition schedule, often playing up to five nights a week.

The All-Stars began the '34 OBA intermediate B playoffs by knocking out Sarnia, Welland and Milton. The best-of-three final was against the Penetang Shipbuilders, who were led by future big-leaguer Phil Marchildon.

The teams split the first two games. After the third game ended controversially in the 11th inning because of darkness, Chatham won the rematch 13-7 Oct. 23 in Guelph.

The team was greeted by almost 2,000 fans on Fifth Street. The fans and players paraded to the William Pitt Hotel.

"Chatham will win other ball chantain will will other back than pionships, but we'll al-ways remember the coloured boys led the way," Mayor Isaac Davis said at the time.

(Chatham Daily News)

With files from Eric Bender and Steve Green, Free Press Sports Reporters

## Les All-Stars Brillent Encore

## Analyser un Document de Source Secondaire

Titre	
Туре	
Date	
Auteurs	
Quel était le message principal?	
Quels faits historiques est-ce tu as appris? Nommez-en au moins trois.	
Comment est-ce que cet article serait écrit différemment de nos jours?	
Est-ce qu'il y a de l'information biaisée? Explique.	
La perspective ou la voix de qui est manquante?	
Qui était le public visé?	

## Our Heritage

# If battered glove could only tall

## Black team saw glory and woe

It's not really much to look at. It's just an old, beat-up rather pitiful looking base-ball glove. In fact, it's so different in appearance from a modern day glove that it almost has a surreal look to it.

It now rests in "retirement" at Chatham's W.I.S.H. Centre in the Heritage Room, but we're sure it's aching to come out of its forced leisure and tell of the days when it was the property of one Kingsley Terrell and the things it saw in the

Kingsley Terrell was a third basemen who sometimes took his turn on the pitching mound for the legendary Chatham Coloured All

He was one of the black athletes of the day who decided that they should put their talents together, form a ball team, find a park to play in (Stirling Park) and enter into some serious competition. In 1933 the Chatham All Stars



LISA and JIM GILBERT

made it to the finals of the Ontario Baseball Association Intermediate playoffs and they knew that with a little more luck they had a real shot at going all the way.

During their 1934 pursuit of an

During their 1934 pursuit of an Ontario championship, the tram got to travel around a good portion of Ontario and if they had not known it before they soon realized that they were not your normal baseball team.

Everywhere they went they were treated differently. On the field they were always the heroes and had huge crowd appeal. In every ball park they played in, the crowds came out to see them and, for the most part, to cheer them.

However, once they left the baseball diamond, it was a whole new story.

new story.
The Chatham Coloured All

Stars were not welcome to eat at

many restaurants.

Long road trips had to be

Long road trips had to be planned well in advance to ensure that the locality had a restaurant that would serve them.

Trying to find a place to spend the night for the team also presented some real problems.

Some motels refused to have them stay at all while others insisted that they arrive well after dark in order that their white guests would never know that blacks were also staying at the same place.

same place. When fall of 1934 rolled around the All Stars were down to the Ontario finals playing against a strong team from Penetang.

The first two games were split and, the third ended in a 2-2 tie. The final game was played in neutral territory, in Guelph, and the

All Stars came ready to play.
The final score of the deciding
Ontario Championship game was
13-7 in favour of the Chatham All

Stars.

Pitching that day for Chatham was Earl (Flat) Chase who outpitched Penetang's pitching sensation Phil Marchildon, and in later years, went on to have a long and

illustrious career in the American League playing for the Philadelphia Athletics.

This fact, of course, begs the question: How many of the Chatham All Stars were good enough to play in the big leagues if there had not been a colour barri-

Teammates of Terrell and Chase including Wilf (Boomer) Harding, Len Harding, Goy Ladd and Ross Len Harding, Goy Ladd and Ross Talbot unfortunately never got their chance to at least be denied a spot in the majors due to their per-formance. Their ineligibility was never in question.

When the Ontario champions arrived back home from Guelph after their victory that evening it was near midnight.

Nevertheless, their motorcade was met by hundreds at the city limits and escorted to the site of the old Fifth Street Bridge.

Here, Chatham Mayor Isaac Davis stood on the hood of a car

Davis stood on the hood of a car and greeted the new champions. In his brief speech, he stated that "Chatham will win other ball championships but we'll always remembered it was the coloured boys who led the way." At a civic reception held later on

that fall, the coach of the All Stars, Happy Parker, stood up and gra-ciously thanked the City of Chatham for its support of the

He then went on to voice what many of the 175 black families liv-ing in Chatham's east end and the many other families at Buxton, Dresden and other locales must have had on their minds for a long

have not on the time.

"We thank you," Coach Parker began, "for the fine banquet and the wonderful support ... now would it be too much to ask if you could give these same boys a chance to work at some of the places they just can't get into

An affirmative answer to that question took a long time coming and some might contend that a

and some might contend that a totally positive response is still being awaited.

Is it any wonder then that Kingsley Terrell's glove, although full of sweet memories, still looks slightly battered and more than a

· Lisa and Jim Gilbert are local historians.

## Flashbacks

## Si un Gant de Baseball Pouvait Parler

## Analyser un Document de Source Secondaire

Titre	
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Auteurs	
Quel était le message principal?	
Quels faits historiques as-tu appris? Nommez-en au moins trois.	
Qu'est-ce que ce document nous indique au sujet de la vie des Canadiens-Noirs pendant les années 1930?	
Est-ce que le langage de l'auteur montre du support pour une certaine perspective? Explique.	
La perspective ou la voix de qui est manquante?	
Écris quelques opinions des auteurs.	