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Generalize

- To **generalize** is to make a broad statement or rule that applies to many examples.
- When you make a generalization, you look for similarities or differences among facts and examples in the text.

Directions Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

After he retired from baseball, Jackie and his wife Rachel participated in voter registration drives to register African American voters. They raised money to support Martin Luther King, Jr.'s organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

(SCLC). Jackie spoke out against segregation and tried to get other athletes involved in the Civil Rights Movement. He once said, "A life is not important except for the impact it has on other lives." Jackie's life was dedicated to service.

What generalization did the author make about Jackie's life?

1. **Jackie's life was dedicated to service.**

What four facts and examples from the passage support the generalization?

2. **participated in voter registration drives**
3. **raised money to support the SCLC**
4. **spoke out against segregation**
5. **tried to get other athletes involved in the Civil Rights Movement**

Directions Write your own generalization about Jackie Robinson. Then write four examples that support the generalization.

Possible responses given.

Generalization:

6. **Jackie Robinson was a role model.**

Supporting examples:

7. **Jackie was a talented athlete.**
8. **Jackie did not react to insults.**
9. **Jackie was involved in the Civil Rights Movement.**
10. **He worked to help others.**