

**A Baseball Bat
Remembers:
A Story of the
Negro Leagues**

**Grade Levels
3-6**

The Story of a Baseball Glove: Personification Activity

In the video “The Story of a Baseball Bat”, you hear the story of Red Moore, a player in the Negro Baseball Leagues during the Civil Rights era, through the perspective of his bat. The video describes Red’s experiences as a player and talk his great hitting skills. Red was also one of the best defensive players in the Negro Leagues. Everywhere he played he made headlines either with the crack of his bat or the flash of his glove. Since we’ve already heard a story from his bat, let’s try to tell a story from the perspective of his glove. Use the guide below to create your own personification poem from the point of view of Red’s glove.

What is a personification poem?

A personification poem is a literary tool that connects human-like qualities to things that are non-human (such as animals) or inanimate objects (notebooks and baseball bats). The poem is written from a perspective other than the poet’s.

First Step

To begin brainstorming, print out this page and use the section called “Words that Describe a Glove.” Fill in the lines with all the words you can use to describe a baseball glove.

Second Step

Use the “A Day in the Life of a Baseball Glove” exercise to begin to personify the glove and continue brainstorming. What are some humanistic characteristics of the glove?

Third Step

Use the writing prompts “Stories of Red Moore’s Glove” to tell the story of Red’s glove.

Words that Describe a Baseball Bat

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A Day in the Life of a Baseball Glove

When Red is showing off to the crowd before the game, I feel

When the ballgame is about to start, I feel

As we run out from the dugout and I hear the crowd cheer I

The first batter digs in and swings. It's a pop fly! We get under the ball about to make the catch.

_____ is the sound as the ball hits me.

Stories of Red Moore's Glove

- Red Moore and his glove are standing next to first base. There are 2 outs. The batter at the plate hits the ball on the ground towards Red and the glove. Describe what happens next from the glove's perspective.
- It's before the game and the fans that came early are cheering for Red to catch the ball behind his back. Red looks up at the crowd, smiles, and looks down at the glove. Write about what happens next from the glove's perspective.
- Red Moore and his teammate, Donald Reeves, are playing catch at the Atlanta Black Crackers practice field in Bush Mountain. Describe how the glove feels about Baseball.
- Red Moore's glove is sitting on the stand at the sporting goods store. Red Moore walks up to it, picks it up, and puts it on. Red Moore decides to buy the glove. Describe how excited the glove is to have a player.