

Louis Sockalexis *Native American Baseball Pioneer*

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Sports, Perseverance, American Indian History

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

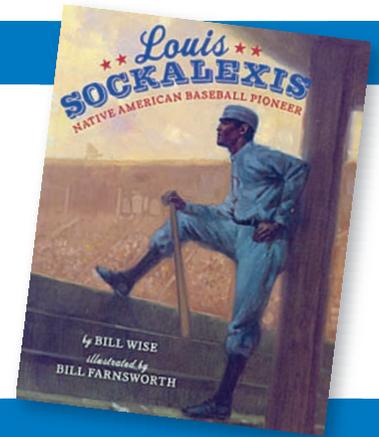
Book Brief: This book tells the story of Louis Sockalexis, one of the first American Indian players in Major League Baseball.

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Illustrator:

Bill Farnsworth



TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make connections: Does your child play baseball or any other sports? Do they have any favorite activities or hobbies? How would they feel if they had to stop just because of what they look like?

While reading, follow the characters: Louis has a dream. What does he do to reach that dream? What challenges does he face?

After reading, ask questions:

◆ Where did Louis grow up?

- ◆ How did he help his father?
- ◆ How was Louis treated by many baseball fans? Why?
- ◆ How did Louis react to the fans?
- ◆ How do you think he felt?
- ◆ Do you think you could have done anything to help him?
- ◆ What are some ways to stop bullying?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

HOT DOG!

Hot dogs are a favorite treat at baseball games. Try this version for a quick snack.



Ingredients: 8 hot dogs, 1 can of crescent rolls

Wrap each hot dog in a crescent roll. Bake at 350° for 15-18 minutes. Serve with mustard or ketchup for dipping.

OUT AND ABOUT

Play stickball in your yard or neighborhood (rules available online: www.streetplay.com/rulesheets/stickball).

Use a broomstick for a bat and a tennis or whiffle ball. Use whatever you can find as bases (flower pots, the corner of the house, etc.). Have fun! Younger kids should have a parent or other adult watching at all times.

PERSONAL PENNANTS

Materials: colored paper cut in the shape of a baseball pennant, markers or crayons

Look at some pennants from famous sports teams. Design your own pennant! Use your favorite colors. Make sure that your name is part of the design. Add a logo or picture that tells something about your interests or strengths. Display your pennant so everyone can see how proud you are to be you!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT BASEBALL

Baseball Saved Us, Ken Mochizuki (1993), *Dirt on Their Skirts*, Doreen Rappaport and Lyndall Callan (2000), *How Georgie Radbourn Saved Baseball*, David Shannon (2000).



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