

NOTES: Boston's History of Racism Within Sports

Central Question: *Why does Boston, and particularly its professional sports teams, have a reputation of being racist? Is this reputation deserved in 2021, or is this simply an unfair label?*

Research the history of one professional sports team in Boston. Specifically, analyze the team's complex relationship with issues of race and racism. Your notes on the team should include answers to the following questions:

1. Brief overview of the team's history, from creation to current day (founding year, championships, "greatest" players in team's history, etc.)
2. When did the league become racially integrated? AND When did the team become racially integrated?
3. What are some positive aspects/highlights of the team's history concerning race?
4. What are some negative aspects/lowlights of the team's history concerning race?
 - a. You may want to consider (and support with detail) things like:
 - i. the timeline of when the team integrated,
 - ii. how that process went, or
 - iii. whether players or coaches on your team or other teams have ever reported being the victims, or targets, of racially charged comments, threats or actions by team employees, fans or community members.
5. How have the team's ownership and fanbase played a role (positive or negative) in the franchise's dealings with race?
6. Does the current franchise fuel Boston's reputation as racist, OR work to prove that reputation wrong?