



Herb Carnegie, *A Fly in a Pail of Milk*

Thematic approaches:

The barrier of racism: The principal way in which racism shaped Herb Carnegie's life is that he was prevented from playing in the National Hockey League. "The conviction that the colour of my skin prevented me from fulfilling my boyhood dream has gnawed at me my whole life," he writes (194). His story is replete with racist incidents. As the class reads the text, have them identify the various incidents, discuss how they make Carnegie feel, and analyse how he deals with them. How would they have felt? What would they have done at various junctures?

African Canadians and African Americans in sport: Students research historical figures from various areas of sport: boxing, running, baseball, tennis, golf, as well as hockey (Jackie Robinson is mentioned and will need identification). Do students think that race no longer is a bar to pursuing professional sports?

Future Aces: why did Carnegie form the Future Aces? Examine the Future Aces philosophy and credo (145). What does "citizenship" involve?

Other themes:

History of early Twentieth Century Toronto; esp. North York

Fashion and Style; Hair (61-62)

labour (trace the various jobs he hold from youth to retirement)

family.