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Pairing Questions for "If We Must Die" and "How Jackie Robinson Changed Baseball"

Directions: After reading the texts, choose the best answer for the multiple-choice questions below and respond to the writing questions in complete sentences.

1. Part A: Which of the following best identifies Jackie Robinson's and Claude McKay's shared perspective on standing up for what one believes in? [RI.3, RL.3]
 - A. It is best to stand up for what someone believes in because that person will likely help others.
 - B. It is best to stand up for what someone believes in because justice will prevail.
 - C. It is best to stand up for what someone believes in, even if there could be severe consequences.
 - D. It is best to stand up for what someone believes in, but they should give in if the situation becomes difficult or dangerous.

2. Part B: Select TWO quotations that best support the answer to Part A. [RI.1, RL.1]
 - A. "UCLA had some of the most racially integrated college sports teams at the time, but Robinson was still among a very small minority of non-white athletes on all his teams." ("Jackie Robinson," Paragraph 4)
 - B. "In 1938, while still at junior college, he was arrested after disputing the police's detention of one of his black friends." ("Jackie Robinson," Paragraph 5)
 - C. "As he stepped onto the field as first baseman in 1947, Jackie Robinson became the first Major League baseball player to break the color barrier since 1880." ("Jackie Robinson," Paragraph 9)
 - D. "round us bark the mad and hungry dogs, / Making their mock at our accursèd lot." ("If We Must Die," Lines 3-4)
 - E. "What though before us lies the open grave?" ("If We Must Die," Line 12)
 - F. "Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack, / Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!" ("If We Must Die," Lines 13-14)

3. How did Jackie Robinson embody the type of heroism identified in "If We Must Die"? [RI.3, RL.3]
