



Norman Rockwell
American, 1894-1978
Knothole Baseball, 1958

The Artwork:

Knothole Baseball

<http://k8charterschool.com/art-title-knothole-baseball/>

The Artist

Norman Rockwell

<https://www.nrm.org/about/about-2/about-norman-rockwell/>



1958 in the United States

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1958_in_the_United_States

Connecting to Standards

- 3-5.RN.2.1, 3-5.RN.2.3, 3-5.RN.3.3, 3-5.W.3.2; VA 4.7.2
- 6-8.RN.2.1, 6-8.RN.2.3, 6-8.W.3.1; VA 6.1.1

Writing Prompts

3rd – 5th Grade: Read Norman Rockwell's biography. Based on what you now about him, why did he use the perspective of looking through a fence in *Knothole Baseball*? Write a narrative from the perspective of the character looking through the knothole. Be sure to base the narrative on what you know about Rockwell and his subjects. Make sure you describe who your main character is in your narrative.

6th - 8th Grade: Rockwell's paintings depict a certain viewpoint of life in America throughout his career. Read the timeline of 1958 in the United States. Follow the links to names or events you are not familiar with. Do you think Rockwell's work is an accurate depiction of life in America when *Knothole Baseball* was created? Write an essay stating your position. Be sure to support your claims with evidence from both the text and the art.

