

## **Babe Ruth**

Babe Ruth is known as one of the greatest baseball players in history.

Babe Ruth was born on February 6, 1895 as George Herman Ruth, Jr. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland.

Babe learned to play baseball while attending a reform school. He began playing at age 19 for the Baltimore Orioles. Ruth got his nickname, Babe because he was the youngest player on the team. The nickname just stuck so he was called Babe for the rest of his career. In 1914, Babe was sent to play for the Boston Red Sox. He began being known as one of the best pitchers. In 1919, the Red Sox discovered he is a better hitter than pitcher. They moved him to the outfield. In 1919, Ruth moved to the New York Yankees. He played for the Yankees for 15 years. He helped them win four World Series. In 1927, he hit 60 homeruns.

Babe Ruth retired in 1936. He had 714 homeruns by the end of his career. Ruth died on August 16, 1948 from cancer.

Babe Ruth set many baseball records and is still one of the most popular baseball players of all time.

1. What is Babe Ruth's real name?
2. How did Babe Ruth get his nickname?
3. How many World Series did he win with the New York Yankees?
4. Would you have wanted to meet Babe Ruth? Why or why not?