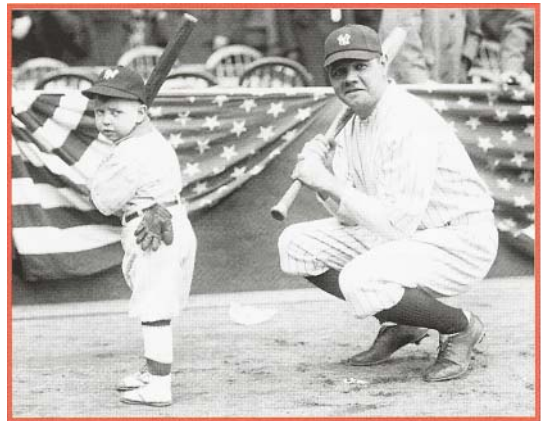


Babe Ruth

GEORGE HERMAN RUTH

Babe Ruth was one of _____ greatest baseball players of all time. He was born on February 6, 1895, in Baltimore, Maryland. George's _____ mother and father **worked long hours** and **didn't have much time for him**, so he played out **in the street** all _____ day. When he was seven, he went to live at Saint Mary's, _____ school for boys. At first his parents took him _____ home from time to time, but in _____ end he went to live at _____ Saint Mary's all _____ time. His parents never visited him there.

At Saint Mary's one of his teachers was _____ Brother Mathias. Mathias became young George's friend and taught him to play _____ baseball. George **soon became** _____ very good player. When he was only nineteen, he began playing **professionally** with _____ Baltimore Orioles. Because he was very young, the players in _____ **team** called him 'Babe' and after that _____ 'Babe Ruth' became his name.



_____ Babe played with different teams - _____ Boston Red Sox, _____ New York Yankees and _____ Boston Braves. He stayed with _____ Yankees for fourteen years, and his number 3 Yankees **shirt** became famous. In 1935 he **stopped playing** _____ baseball.

Babe Ruth became famous and _____ rich. He loved _____ children and always helped them when he could. Over _____ years **he gave lots of money to** Saint Mary's school and **to different children's hospitals**.

In 1946 Ruth learned he had _____ **cancer**. He went into _____ hospital **at once** but _____ **doctors couldn't stop** _____ cancer. On April 11, 1947, he went to say goodbye to _____ everybody at the Yankees stadium, but **he was too ill to wear** his number 3 shirt **on that day**.

Babe Ruth died _____ next year, but people didn't forget him. **To this day April 27th** is Babe Ruth Day for all _____ **baseball lovers** in _____ USA and _____ Japan.