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Babe

Babe Ruth might be the most famous baseball player who ever lived. His batting ability along with his colorful personality brought huge crowds to his games. But his road to fame was challenging and difficult.

Babe was born on February 6, 1895, as George Herman Ruth, Jr., to a poor family in Baltimore. When Babe was seven, his parents sent him to live at a school for boys. Although he visited home several times over the next few years, the school was his real home until he turned nineteen years old.

The school was strict, and baseball was the only game the boys were allowed to play. Luckily for Babe, there was a teacher at the school who took a special liking to Babe.

That teacher was also a wonderful baseball player. He could hit a ball hard and far. The teacher worked with Babe hour after hour, teaching him to hit and pitch and catch.

When Babe left the school, he was ready to make his way in the world. And Babe's way was baseball. He became a national hero.

1. Where was Babe's real home when he was growing up?
2. Who helped Babe the most in choosing his career?