

My Journey Home Family Connection

Your child is reading *Roberto Clemente, Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates*, a biography of the major league baseball player who died in a plane crash taking supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

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Making a Difference Roberto Clemente once said, "Anytime you have an opportunity to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth." Discuss the meaning of this quotation with your child, and think of people in your community who are living it out. Talk about specific ways *your* family can make a difference in this world.

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Vocabulary on the Go Together, try writing several different headlines that could appear on a sports page. Look at headlines in your own newspaper for ideas. Try using the words below, both in the headlines and as you talk about your ideas together.

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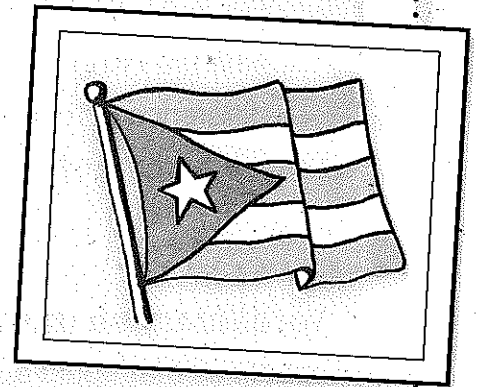
You and your child can create your own scrambled words and give them to each other to solve. (Answers: Puerto Rico, home run, right field, Pittsburgh Pirates, World Series, hero)

Island Home With your child, read this article about Puerto Rico, the birthplace of Roberto Clemente.

The tropical island of Puerto Rico is located about 1,000 miles from Florida, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Caribbean Sea. Its name means “rich port” in Spanish.

Puerto Rico is officially part of the United States, and its people are U.S. citizens. But it is a commonwealth, not a state. Spanish is the main language there, although many people speak English as well.

Because of its beautiful beaches, tropical flowers, mountains, and rainforests, Puerto Rico is known as “La Isla del Encanto,” or “The Enchanted Island.” Its warm, wet climate makes it an ideal place for growing crops such as bananas, coffee beans, pineapples, and sugar cane.



Game Day Find a baseball game or other sporting event on TV. Turn down the sound, and together with your child do a play-by-play of the action. To make it even more fun, choose a game that you know absolutely nothing about!



Book Links

- *Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen*, by Marissa Moss
- *Roberto and Me*, by Dan Gutman **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge Roberto Clemente was the first Latino to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Explore the hall's new website, and be sure to check out information on Clemente and these other greats of the game: Henry “Hank” Aaron, Lou Gehrig, Henry “Hank” Greenberg, Cal Ripken, and Jackie Robinson.