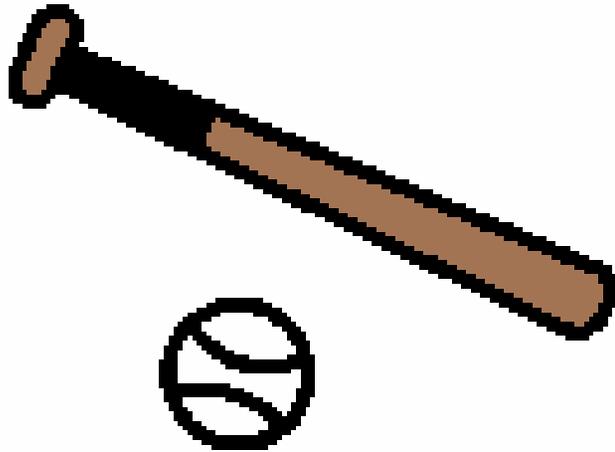


# A-Rod Rocks!



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Baseball is my favorite sport.



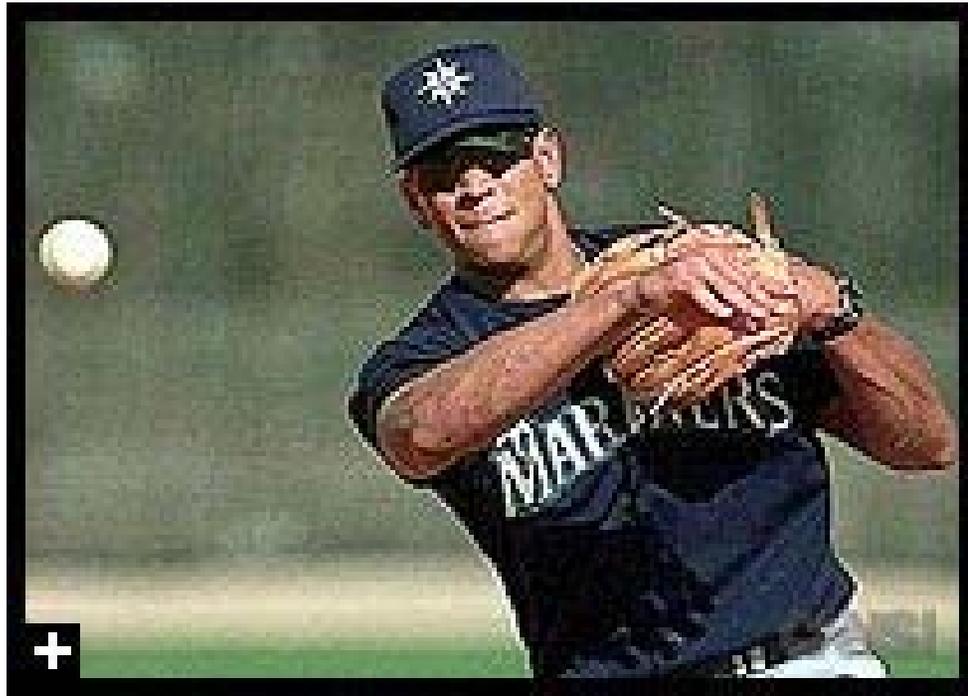
My favorite baseball player is A-Rod.



A-Rod's real name is Alexander Emmanuel Rodriguez. He was born on July 27, 1975 in New York City.



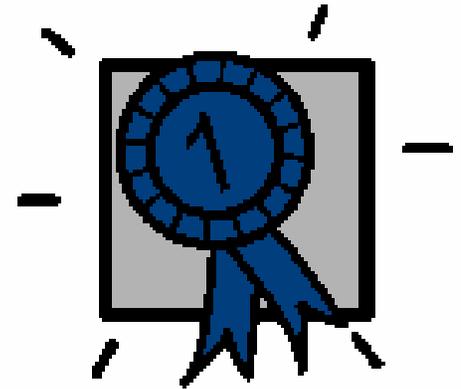
A-Rod's family is originally from the Dominican Republic. He lived there as a child but grew up mainly in Miami, Florida.



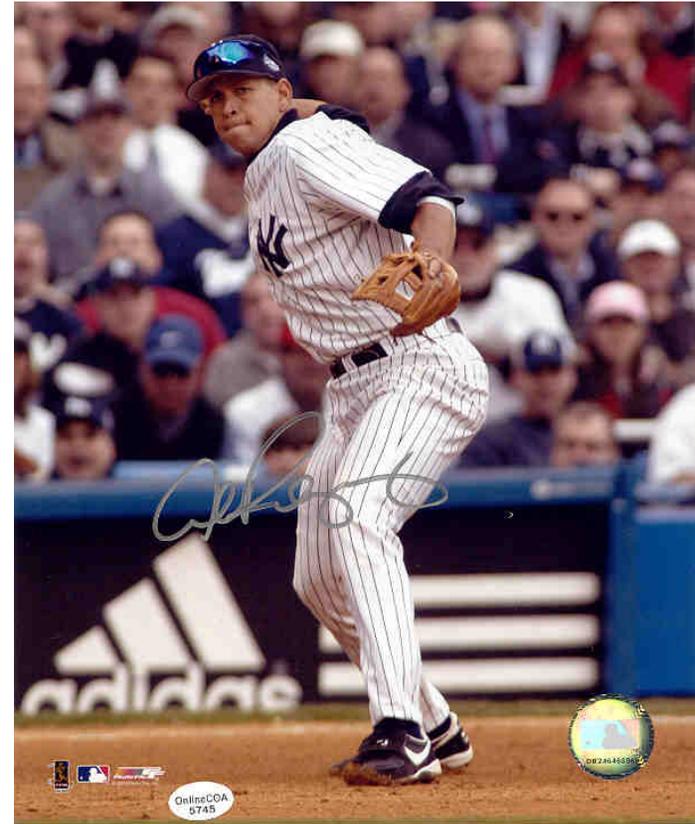
When he was 18, A-Rod became one of the youngest players ever to play in Major League Baseball. He played for the Seattle Mariners in Seattle, Washington.



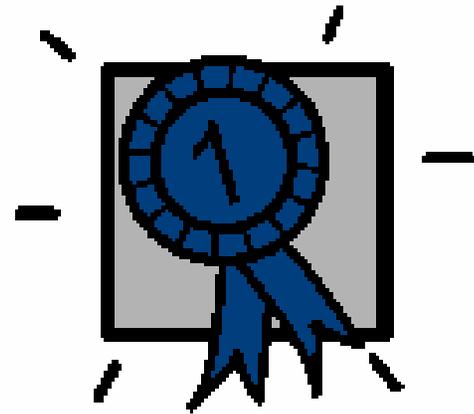
After he left the Mariners, A-Rod played for the Texas Rangers in Arlington, Texas. He continued to be an awesome hitter and played shortstop.



In 2003, while still playing for the Texas Rangers, A-Rod was named the Most Valuable Player in the American League. <sup>8</sup>



Now, A-Rod plays 3<sup>rd</sup> base for the Yankees. I live in New York so now I can go watch him play!



A-Rod is cool for a lot of reasons;  
I think he's the best baseball player in all of  
baseball and he's Latino like me.  
A-Rod rocks!