

Curriculum Unit
Title

From the Sugar Mills to the Majors: The Rise of Dominican Beisbolistas in Major League Baseball

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KEY LEARNING, ENDURING UNDERSTANDING, ETC.

IB Language Acquisition Objective Criterion C: Comprehending Written Text requiring the student to understand information and engage with the text by supporting opinion and personal response with evidence from the text. IB Language Acquisition Objective Criterion D: Communicating in Written Form which expects the student to organize and express thoughts, feelings, ideas, opinions and information in writing, write for specific purposes, and develop accuracy when writing in the target language. The Delaware World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages are Standard 1.3 Presentational Communication: Learners present information, concepts, and ideas to inform, explain,

ESSENTIAL QUESTION(S) for the UNIT

Why are the majority of the international players in Major League Baseball from the Dominican Republic?

CONCEPT A

A Dominican player's road to the MLB

CONCEPT B

Dominican Domination in the sport of baseball

CONCEPT C

Mapping a Dominican baseball players route to the MLB

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS A

Where is the Dominican Republic?
What are principal elements that represent Dominican culture?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS B

How does culture influence our choice of profession?
What attracts Dominican players to Major League Baseball?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS C

How does a beisbolista make his way to becoming a player in MLB?

VOCABULARY A

República Dominicana, beisbolista, pelotero, jugador, Grandes Ligas, equipo, buscones, la vitilla, la plaquita

VOCABULARY B

edad, pasaporte, certificado de nacimiento, pobreza, desempleo, hambre, mentira, el engaño

VOCABULARY C

béisbol de ligas menores, familia antrifiona, emigrar, inmigrar, bono por firmar, descargar

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/MATERIAL/TEXT/FILM/RESOURCES

In the Time of the Butterflies - This movie was inspired by the true story of the Mirabal sisters who were murdered in 1960 for their part in a plan to overthrow the dictator Trujillo.
Sugar - A fictional movie about a young baseball player who leaves the Dominican Republic to play in the U.S. minor leagues with the hope of making it big.
Pelotero - A documentary about baseball prospects in the Dominican Republic.