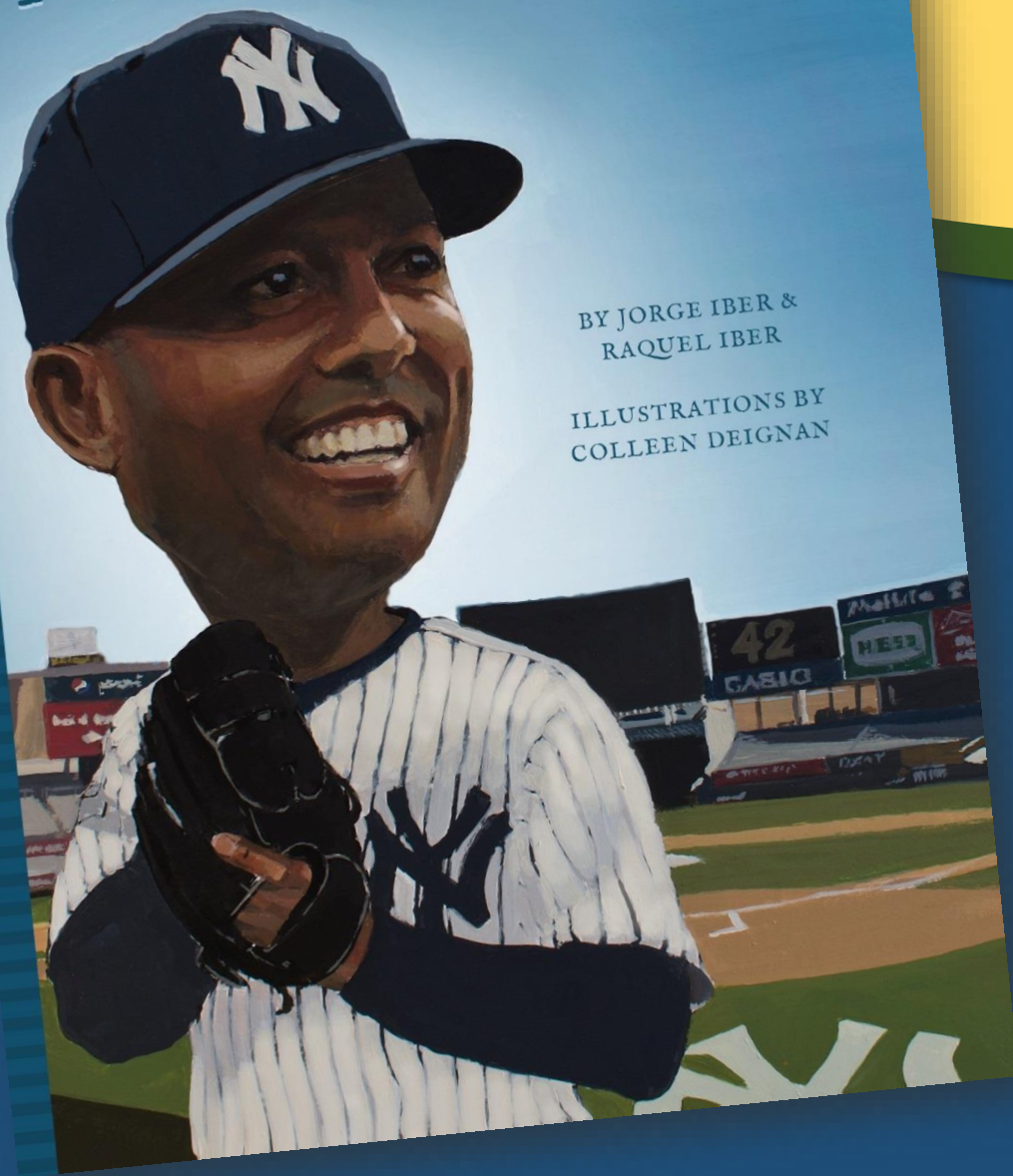


# ALL ABOUT Mariano Rivera

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## *Teacher's Guide*

*Including Common Core Standards, Sample Questions, and Activities*

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## *Common Core Literacy Scaffolding Questions*

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***Note to teachers and parents:*** The standards listed here are taken from the Common Core Standards: *Grades 6-12, Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects* from the subset standards for grades 6-8. The standards listed here are 6-8.1–6-8.10. These Common Core Standards can be viewed in greater detail at this website:

<http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/RH/6-8/>

Some states have decided not to adopt the Common Core standards, but the new state standards are uniformly similar. Teachers who choose to use these questions in a state that has not adopted Common Core standards are encouraged to apply their own state standards to these questions. Teachers who choose to use these questions for grades other than 6-8 can find all of the Common Core standards at: <http://www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/>.

Teachers, please note that these questions are designed only to provide a very basic literacy scaffold and to provide examples. There is plenty of room for you to add your creativity and use your expertise to develop “why” questions and to help students make connections to other texts.

**The questions below should be answered using a complete sentence and with textual evidence from the reading. The questions for the Preface are answered as examples.**

### *Introduction*

1. When he was growing up in a poor Panamanian fishing village, what did Mariano Rivera think he would do when he grew up?  
Sample Answer: Mariano Rivera “thought that he would follow his father into the fishing industry.”

2. Give one example of something that Mariano Rivera has done since his retirement from Major League Baseball.

Sample Answer: Since he retired, “Mariano devoted himself to philanthropy and his churches.”

## *Chapter One*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5

1. Give one detail about Mariano Rivera’s early life in Panama.
2. What made Mariano Rivera give up playing soccer?
3. What was the strange way in which Mariano Rivera learned to develop his throwing aim?

## *Chapter Two*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4

1. Give one detail about the country of Panama.
2. What happened to Mariano Rivera that made him stop going to dance clubs at night?
3. What was one of the incidents that caused Mariano Rivera to change his mind about wanting to become a fisherman?

## *Chapter Three*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4.

1. Give one detail about Mariano Rivera’s first time pitching with the Cowboys.
2. What was one reason why a Major League Baseball scout with the New York Yankees was interested in Mariano Rivera?
3. How much money was Mariano Rivera offered to sign a contract with the Yankees?

## *Chapter Four*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.5

1. Give one detail about how professional baseball players “move up” from the minor leagues to the major leagues.
2. Give an example of a challenge that Mariano Rivera faced when he moved from Panama to the United States.
3. Give an example of how Mariano Rivera’s family life changed after 1991.

## *Chapter Five*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3

1. After Mariano Rivera made it to the Major Leagues, he wore the number 42. What was significant about this number?
2. Give an example of how Mariano Rivera’s religious faith affected his life while he was a Major League Baseball player.
3. Give an example of how Mariano Rivera played in the 1995 series against the Chicago White Sox.

## *Chapter Six*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8

1. Give an example of what the New York Yankees achieved in the 1996 season.
2. What was Mariano’s new role as a player after 1997?
3. Give a statistic that indicates how well Mariano Rivera played in his new role.

## *Chapter Seven*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3

1. Give a fact that shows how good the New York Yankees were when Mariano Rivera played for them.
2. How were some players in Major League Baseball cheating during Mariano Rivera’s time as a Yankee?
3. Give one example of how Mariano Rivera helped people when he was a star pitcher for the Yankees.

## *Chapter Eight*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3

1. What caused the dispute between Mariano Rivera and his manager, Joe Torre?
2. What honor did Mariano Rivera have when he pitched on September 21, 2008?
3. Analyze the picture of Mariano Rivera and Rachel Robinson on p. 77; what connection do you think Rivera felt with Jackie Robinson? (no textual evidence is required in your answer.)

## *Chapter Nine*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3

1. What injury did Mariano Rivera suffer in the spring of 2012?
2. Give an example of something that Mariano Rivera did after his knee surgery.
3. How did Mariano Rivera perform in his final time pitching at the mound in Major League Baseball?

## *Chapter Ten*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.1, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.3

1. Give one detail from Mariano Rivera's career that shows what a great player he was.
2. What was special about Mariano Rivera's selection to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame?
3. Give one example of the influence that Mariano Rivera has had on his son, Mariano Rivera Jr.

## *Text Analysis Questions*

**Standards:** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.2, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4. CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.9, CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.8

**Prompt:** On September 16, 2019, President Donald Trump awarded the Medal of Freedom (the Nation's highest civilian honor) to Mariano Rivera. The president and Mr. Rivera were longtime friends and Mr. Rivera said the words below as part of his acceptance speech. Given what you have read in *All About Mariano Rivera*, what does this excerpt below indicate about how Mariano Rivera views both Panama and the United States?

And for that, being American, I'm so proud and honored that, coming from a small town — beautiful town, beautiful country called Panama — and live with my family here, and understand the language and everything that we go through, I'm proud to be an American. So for that, thank God.

Thank you very much.

**Source:** <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-presentation-presidential-medal-freedom-mariano-rivera/>

# *All About Mariano Rivera Word Search*

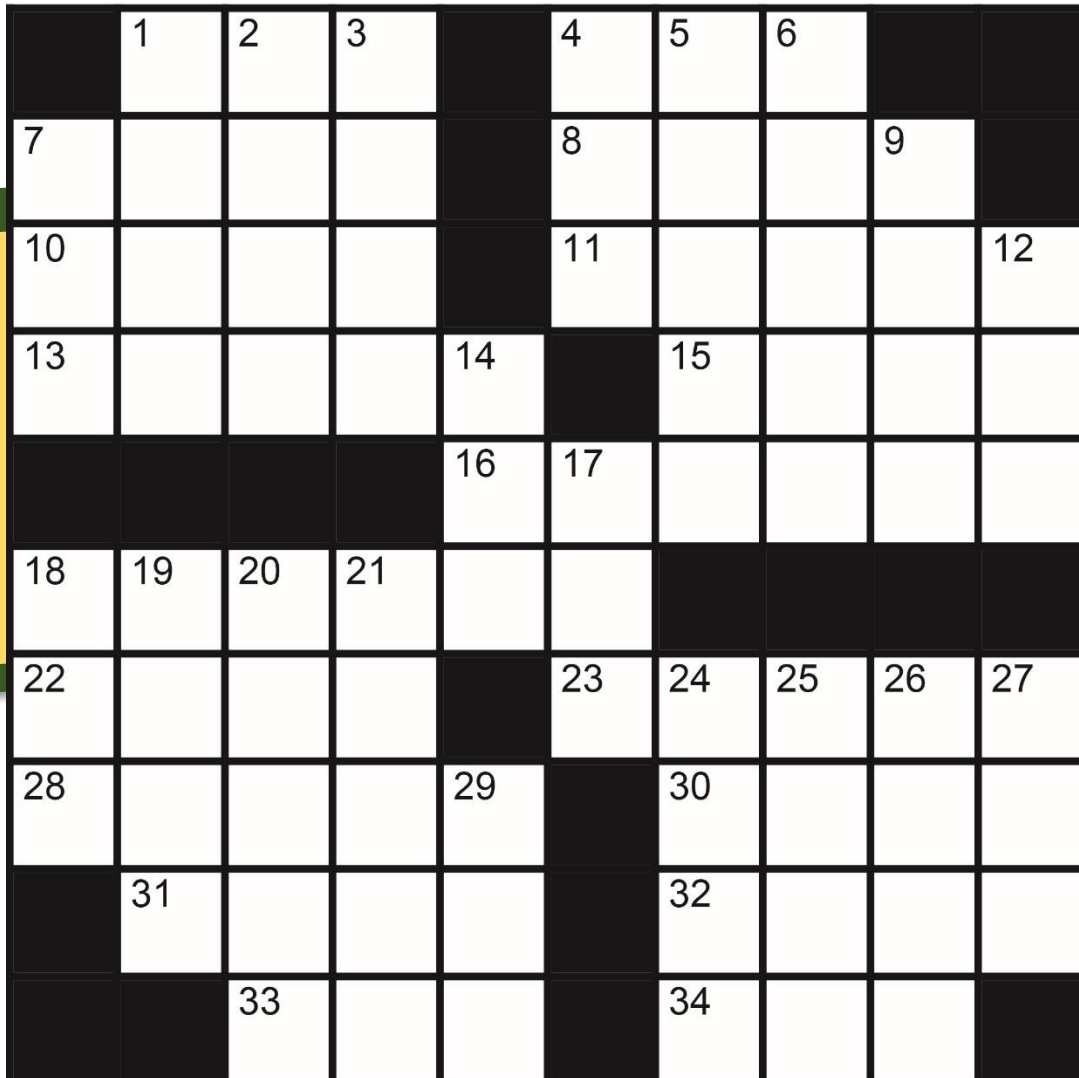


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PLAYOFFS  
RELIEVER

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# All About Mariano Rivera Crossword



## Across

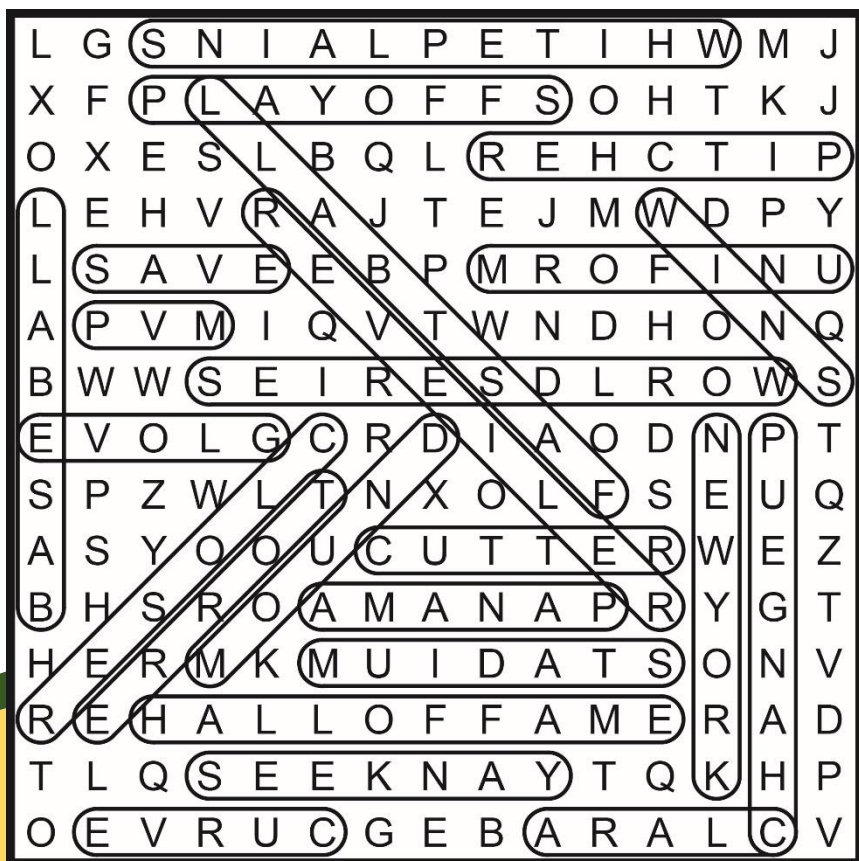
1. Long-running CBS police series
4. Car speedometer letters
7. Walk heavily
8. Region
10. Baseball \_\_\_\_ of Fame
11. Mariano's toss that doesn't go straight
13. Nerdy sort
15. Nike slogan: "Just \_\_\_\_" (2 words)
16. Changes, as the U.S. Constitution
18. Mexican lady
22. Computer image
23. Web search site
28. Mariano's throw
30. Low and away throw to the batter
31. First word of a letter
32. Actor Pitt
33. Leaky tire sound
34. Ump's kin?

## Down

1. Cat's scratcher
2. Foot part
3. Not doing anything
4. McDonald's offering: Big \_\_\_\_
5. Goody two shoes
6. Long-legged bird
7. Degree held by many univ. professors
9. Like fired-up Yankees fans
12. UFO pilots
14. Prohibit
17. Fifth month
18. Body part below the nose
19. Liquid in a battery
20. Carryall bags
21. Peru natives who built Machu Picchu
24. ERA or MLB, for short
25. Tortoise racer in a fable

## Down

26. "Frozen" snowman
27. Clothing store: \_\_\_\_ Navy
29. 60-min. periods



## *All About Mariano Rivera Answer Key*

