The Dominican Republic is located on the Island of Hispaniola, in the [Caribbean Sea.](http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/namerica/caribb/do.htm)

At the time the story takes place, it had been ruled by a ruthless dictator named [Rafael Trujillo](http://www.biography.com/people/rafael-trujillo-39891#military-career) for about 30 years. In 1965 a rebellion against the government takes place. Not long after this story ends, [Trujillo was assassinated](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-13560512).

Between 700,000 and one million people from the DR now live in the US. The majority live in New York City and other urban areas in the Northeast.

The author of this story has gained fame as a writer. Other Dominicans have distinguished themselves in the fields on entertainment, fashion, and sports, particularly, baseball. Nearly 400 people who played professional baseball in the US during the years 1960-2005 were born in the DR. They include batter Sammy Sosa and pitcher Pedro Martinez.

* [Text on the History](https://amte.wordpress.com/2009/07/30/the-1965-revolution-in-the-dominican-republic/)
* [Marines in Action](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2ztF_xQDZY)

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