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An Influential Person

An influential person, a person that has affected someone in some way, this person can be anyone. It can be an elder, an athlete, an actor, or maybe even a family member. In this case the person that has influenced me the most is David Ortiz.

David Ortiz (AKA "Big Papi") is the starting designated hitter for the Boston Red Sox baseball team. He has not only influenced me by his ability to hit baseballs 400 feet, but also by his leadership, attitude, and love for the game. He has inspired me to never give up and to set my goals high. His attitude is also something I admire about him. He has an "I can do anything with hard work" attitude. This has led him to success in life and baseball.

Big Papi is the clutch hitter for the Sox. If they find themselves down late in a game, the person they want at the plate is David Ortiz. He has consistently gotten game changing hits late in games that change the outcome for the better. In my opinion, to come through with so much pressure on one is remarkable. His clutch hitting has led me to a few game winning hits myself. When I came to the plate those times I thought about his calmness and his approach to pressure. And then I thought to myself, "If I don't get a hit now someone else has to." Or, "Pressure is just a feeling, it doesn't exist, it has no mass, it's just a feeling." Ortiz has been behind these thoughts in my head.

Again Ortiz's baseball ability isn't the only thing I admire about him. He is a leader, and leadership is so important, especially in sports. Ortiz is the kind of person that leads by example and by a good attitude. Not by being a jerk and attracting attention for the wrong reasons. He is a person that attracts attention by so many people for many good reasons, and these reasons could go anywhere from his baseball skill to his leadership.

David Ortiz is a great person and very admirable. He is a leader, skilled athlete, competitor, and an all around good person. Big Papi is influential to me and will continue to influence others in his years to come.