

Steph Curry: Superstar

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An inference is a conclusion that you make based on evidence and reasoning. The biography below provides a lot of information about Steph Curry, the famous basketball player. Using the facts provided you will be able to infer some things about him that aren't in the piece. Read about Steph and then write three inferences on the next page. One is provided to get you started.



Steph Curry: Superstar, On and Off the Court

Steph Curry was born in Akron, Ohio but grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina. He grew up watching his dad, a pro NBA player, and practiced with him when he could. When his dad was traveling with his team he trained with his mom, a former college volleyball player. Despite his efforts, people didn't think Steph Curry would ever make the NBA because of his small frame. That didn't stop him. What he lacked in height he made up for in shooting ability and ball handling skills. As a sophomore in college, he led the nation with the highest average points per game. He went on to be the seventh pick in the NBA draft, selected by the California team, the Golden State Warriors. After receiving Most Valuable Player honors and helping the Warriors win the NBA championship in 2015, Curry led the team to a league-record 73 wins the following season. In May 2016, Curry became the first person to be named Most Valuable Player by unanimous vote in NBA history, and one of only 11 players to win the MVP award two years in a row.

In his MVP speech, Steph said:

"I never really set out to change the game. I never thought that would happen in my career. What I wanted to do was just be myself. ... I know it inspires a lot of the next generation, a lot of people who love the game of basketball to value the skill of it, value the fact that you can work every single day to get better. You've got to be able to put the time and the work. That's how I got here, that's how I continue to get better every single day."

In addition to his stellar basketball career, Steph is a loyal husband and father. One of his teammates, Shaun Livingston said this about Steph's character: "His faith, his beliefs, and his value system is unprecedented." Another teammate, Draymond Green spoke to Steph's authenticity when he said, "His persona, his character, fans take notice of that. He's probably one of, if not the most, beloved NBA players. And everything you see is not a façade — it's really him. That means a lot to fans."

Both on and off the court, Steph is a superstar. He is widely considered to be one of the top five players in the NBA and it's still early in his career.

Example: The other Warriors like him and are happy to have him as a teammate.

1. *The fact that Curry's father was a basketball pro probably influenced Curry's love of basketball.*
2. *Curry is respected by his teammates for the example he shows on the court with his team and off the court with his family.*
3. *Curry's determination to overcome criticism helped him become a basketball star.*

