Arthur Robert Ashe, Jr. was born on July 10, 1943, in Richmond, Virginia. He was African American and a mixture of Sauk Indian and Mexican. Mattie Cunningham Ashe and Arthur Ashe, Sr. had a family heritage with good family heritage. Arthur’s first American ancestor on his father’s side was a nameless female slave who arrived in Virginia in 1735. She was one of millions of Africans who were brought to America and sold into bondage as cheap agricultural labor.

When Arthur was growing up, he learned the love of books and reading from his mother. He learned the importance of self-discipline and hard work from his father. Arthur’s supported the family by doing several jobs at the same time. He was a chauffeur, gardener, and carpenter for several wealthy families in Richmond. They were kind to the Ashes. But in Arthur’s own words, soon found out “that white people did not really like black people.” those days Richmond, like other places in the Deep South, was a segregated society. By law African Americans could not the same schools or worship at the same churches as white people. Arthur believed to live with segregation. He attended all black school. He played in -only parks. And when he took a No. 6 to his grandmother’s house, he went the back of the bus behind the white line.

When Arthur was four, his brother John was born. At around the same time, his father was hired a special police officer to Richmond’s.
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