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## Tiger Woods The King of Clubs



**Eldrick Tont Woods was born in Cypress, California, on December 30, 1975. His father, a Vietnam War veteran, nicknamed him Tiger after a Vietnamese war comrade. Always unique, Tiger Woods is a mix of African American, Caucasian, Native American, Thai, and Chinese heritage. With his father's prompting, Woods began playing golf at a very young age. He even demonstrated his golf skills on the talk show *The Mike Douglas Show*.**

At the 1984 Junior World Golf Championships, Woods won the event for nine- to ten-year-old boys, even though he was only eight. Throughout high school, Woods won the U.S. Junior Amateur title in 1991, 1992, and 1993. The youngest golfer to ever win this event, Woods was also the only three-time winner. His continuing success brought him three consecutive U.S. Amateur titles. Again, Woods became the youngest person to ever win this title.

Woods went on to earn five USGA Championships before age 20. While attending Stanford University, Woods won the NCAA individual championship. Believing he could succeed professionally, he left college after his second year.

Woods became a professional golfer in August of 1996. That year, he was named "Sportsman of the Year" by *Sports Illustrated Magazine*. He received this honor again in 2000. In April of 1997, Woods won The Masters Tournament by a record **margin** of 12 **strokes**. By summer of that year, Tiger Woods was ranked number one in the Official World Golf Rankings.

By late 1997, Woods began to enter a minor **slump**. In 1998 he won only once, partially due to changes in his golf swing. Experts deemed the switch necessary in order to protect his back. Woods made his great comeback with a win at the 1999 Memorial Tournament. In the next five years, he recorded a staggering 32 wins, including seven major championships. This feat earned Woods the "World Sportsman of the Year" award in both 2000 and 2001. In 2001 he became the first golfer to win four consecutive major championships, nicknamed a "Tiger Slam."

Woods' record of 264 consecutive weeks ranked as the top golfer finally came to an end. In September of 2004, Vijay Singh beat Woods and took his number one ranking. The two golfers continue to swap the number one spot. However, Woods' numerous records still remain unbroken, and he has yet to retire his golf clubs. When he temporarily sets them down, Tiger relaxes with his wife, Elin, whom he married in 2004. He also enjoys working with his many charities. One charity, The Tiger Woods Foundation, brings the game of golf to disadvantaged children.

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**USING A TIME LINE** Write each event listed below next to the year it happened. Some years will have two events listed.

Events	
Tiger Woods won his third U.S. Junior Amateur title.	2004 _____
Partially due to changing his golf swing, Woods won only once.	2001 _____
Woods won four consecutive major championships, getting a "Tiger Slam."	1999 _____
At the Junior World Golf Championships, Woods won the event for nine- to ten-year-old boys.	1998 _____
Woods became a professional golfer.	1997 _____
Eldrick Woods was born.	_____
Woods came out of his slump.	1996 _____
Woods was ranked number one in the Official World Golf Rankings.	1993 _____
Elin married Woods.	1984 _____
Woods won The Masters Tournament by a record margin of 12 strokes.	1975 _____

**SHORT ANSWER** Answer the following question in a complete sentence.

Based on the time line above, did Tiger Woods get married before or after he was ranked number one in the Official World Golf Rankings?

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**EXTENSION ACTIVITIES** Choose one of the following activities to complete. Write the answer in complete sentences.

- 1. Vijay Singh and Tiger Woods often swap the number one spot in golf. Who is ranked number one in golf right now? Look on the Internet or at the library to find out.
- 2. The Tiger Woods Foundation helps bring golf to disadvantaged children. How does the foundation get children interested in golf? Look on the Internet or at the library to find out.
- 3. Woods has set several golf records throughout his career. What are some of the golf records he has set? Look on the Internet or at the library to find out.

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**USING A TIME LINE** Write each event listed below next to the year it happened.

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Elin married Tiger Woods.	2004 _____
Woods became a professional golfer.	2001 _____
Woods won The Masters Tournament by a record margin of 12 strokes.	1997 _____
Eldrick Woods was born.	1996 _____
Woods won four consecutive major championships, getting a "Tiger Slam."	1975 _____

**MULTIPLE CHOICE** Circle the best answer, and write the letter in the box.

- ☐ 1. Tiger Woods' real first name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Tiger                      B. Vijay                      C. Eldrick                      D. none of the above
- ☐ 2. In this passage, the word "comrade" means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. a battle in war  
 B. a military unit  
 C. an enemy  
 D. a friend

**SHORT ANSWER** Answer the following question in complete sentences.

3. Based on the time line above, did Tiger Woods win The Masters Tournament before or after he was married?

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