

## FAMOUS AMERICAN PEOPLE

There are **many famous American people** **Scientists and inventors** [sájentysts] (vědci a vynálezci), **Historical personalities – kings, queens, princes and princesses, Writers, playwrights, poets, Composers, painters, singers, Directors, actors and film stars, portsmen** etc.

In **1492**, an Italian explorer **Christopher Columbus** completed, under the Catholic Monarchs of Spain, 4 voyages [vojidžis] (=cesty) across the Atlantic Ocean. During his first voyage, he reached the **New World**, landing on an island in the **Bahamas** that he named "San Salvador". He was the **first European [juropijn] person to discover America**. America became British territories. Large number of territories were French, some of them Spanish.

**General George Washington** became the **first president of the United States** in 1789, in the 18th century. He is connected to **the Boston Tea Party**. The British parliament rose tax on tea from America, as a political protest **Native Americans destroyed the whole shipment of tea by throwing it into the sea** in 1773. It **started the American Revolutionary War** in 1775.

**Thomas Jefferson** was one of the main authors [ósrs] of the **Declaration of Independence**. He became the 3rd president of the USA. **The Americans won its independence from Britain** on 4 July, 1776. It is now celebrated as Independence Day / the Fourth of July.

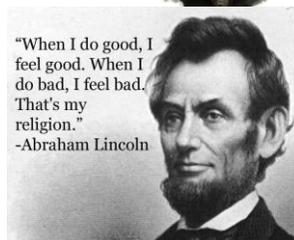
**Abraham Lincoln** became the first Republican **president** in 1860. He took part in **the American Civil War** which was fought **from 1861 to 1865**. Also called **The South against the North**. **Northern victory in the war ended slavery**. [slejvry] (=otroctví) 625,000 people died during the war. often called **the North against the South**

**war** that **abolished slavery** [ebolišt slej-v-ry].

**Barack Obama** was the 44th president of the USA. He was elected as **the first Afro-American president** in 2009. He, as well as his wife Michelle and his family, were **very popular** in the country.

**Donald Trump** is the **current** [karent] (=současný) **president of the USA**. He

is famous for his business skills and hated for his sexist behaviour. His first wife was a Czech model, Ivana Trump. Donald Trump is a



very rich person, his fortune is worth of over 3 billion US dollars.

## Other famous people

**Mark Twain** (1835-1910)'s birth name was actually Samuel Langhorne Clemens. He was an American author and humorist made famous by his 'great American novel' **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**. William Faulkner called Twain **the father of American literature**.

**Henry Ford** (1863-1947) was a **founder** [faundr] (=zakladatel) **of the Ford Motor Company**. He became one of the richest and well known people of the world. **Elvis Presley (1935-1977)** was called '**the King of rock-n-roll**', he was one of the most important cultural [kal-čr-l] icons of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)** was an **American fiction author and journalist** of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 1954 **he won the Nobel Prize in literature**. Today his works are known as American classics. Hemingway had four wives in his lifetime and tragically committed suicide [sjuisajd] (=sebevražda).

**Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962)** was an actress and a major sex symbol of the 1950's. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** (1929-1968) was a clergyman [klerdžimen] (=duchovní), **leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement**. He was assassinated [esesinejtyd] (=zavražděn).

**Neil Armstrong** Neil Alden Armstrong was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer who was **the first person to walk on the Moon**. He was also a naval aviator, test pilot, and university professor.

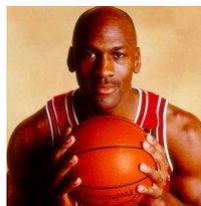
**Bill Gates (1955)** chairman and **former CEO of the world's largest personal-computer software company, Microsoft**.

**Michael Jackson** Michael Joseph Jackson was an **American singer, dancer, and songwriter** born on August 29, 1958 in Gary, Indiana and passed away on June 25, 2009. He **donated** (at least) a remarkable **500,000,000 dollars to charity**. Michael is also known as **The King of Pop** (a title given to him by Elizabeth Taylor) or under the initials MJ. He is the owner of **the best selling album of all time**, Thriller (1982) which was **awarded 30 times platinum** at the beginning of 2016. His other albums Bad, Dangerous and History are all among the best charting albums of all time and all reached the number one position in the US charts. Jackson was **the first black artist whose music video (Billie Jean) was aired on MTV**, and

with that success he broke down a racial barrier in the music industry. With his music and music videos he revolutionized the world of pop music. Jackson is very **well known for his signature dance moves (moonwalk, lean, sideward, Thriller dance)**, his **famous clothing (black hat, white sequined glove, military jackets)**, his unique singing voice, and songs like Off the Wall, Don't Stop 'till You Get Enough, Thriller, Billie Jean, Beat It, Bad, The Way You Make Me Feel, Man In the Mirror, Heal the World. Black or

White, Remember the Time, Earth Song and They Don't Care About Us. He also is **the best entertainer of all time according to the Guinness Book of Records and one of the best selling solo artists of all time.**

**Michael Jordan** Michael Jeffrey Jordan, also known by his initials, MJ, is an American retired **professional basketball player.**



**Eminem** Eminem, born Marshall Bruce Mathers III, is an **American rapper, actor** and music producer born on October 17, 1972 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Eminem has **sold over 300 million records** making him the bestselling hip-hop artist of all time. In addition to his



solo career, he is a member of D12. Rolling Stone magazine ranked him 83rd on its list of 100 Greatest Artists of All Time, calling him **the King of Hip Hop**. Including his work with D12 and Bad Meets Evil, Eminem has **had ten number-one albums** on the Billboard music chartshow 200 and **5 number-one singles** on the Billboard Hot 100, and 13 worldwide.

**Steve Jobs** Steven Paul Jobs (February 24, 1955 – October 5, 2011) was an American **business magnate.**

[magneit] He was the chairman, chief executive officer (CEO), and a **co-founder of Apple company**, chairman and majority **shareholder of Pixar**, a **member of The Walt Disney Company's board of directors** following its acquisition of Pixar, and the founder, chairman, and CEO of NeXT. Jobs is widely recognized as a **pioneer of the microcomputer revolution** of the 1970s and 1980s, along with Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak



**JOHNNY DEPP** **BASIC FACTS** Johnny

Depp is **an American actor, producer, and musician.** He has become a new **face of the men's fragrance of Dior.** He has also **lent his voice to the animated series SpongeBob SquarePants**, chameleon **Rango** etc.

**EARLY LIFE** Johnny Depp was **born in Kentucky**, the USA as the youngest of four children of a waitress and a civil engineer. His family immigrated to the USA from France in about 1700. Depp moved frequently during his childhood. He and his siblings **lived in more than 20 different places**, Depp **settled in Florida** in 1970. Depp's parents divorced when he was 15. His mother's new partner Robert Palmer became an inspiration for Johnny Depp. With **the gift of a guitar from his mother when he was 12**, Depp **began playing in various garage bands.** He left high school when he was still in his teens as **he wanted to be rock star.**



**HIS CAREER** Depp's first big film was **A Nightmare on Elm Street**, a **horror series** about teenagers killed in their dreams and in reality by Freddy Krueger. He was also in popular television **series 21 Jump Street.** He became a popular teen idol. **PERSONAL LIFE** When he was

younger, he had a lot of famous girlfriends and **he often got into troubles.** When he met **Vanessa Paradis, a French actress and singer, he changed his lifestyle.** They had 2 children and after 14 years they got divorced in 2012. **His daughter Lilly Rose Melody Depp** is a **famous French-American actress and model.**

**AWARDS** [@wórd] Depp **has been nominated** for many acting awards, including **three nominations for ACADEMY AWARD for Best Actor.** Depp **won the GOLDEN GLOBE AWARD** for Best Actor **for The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (Ďábelský holič z Fleet Street)** and the **SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARD** for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role for the Pirates of the Caribbean: **The Curse of the Black Pearl (2004).** He starred in **Tim Burton's romantic dark fantasy Edward Scissorhands (Střihoruký Edward)**, **fantasy the Pirates of the Caribbean and its sequels (pokračování)**, **fantasy Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** and fantasy **Alice in Wonderland.** He has collaborated on nine films with director, producer and friend Tim Burton. Depp has been listed **in the 2012 Guinness World Records as the highest paid actor**, with earnings of \$75 million.

The court documents showed that **of the approximately (about) \$2 million, Depp spends each month, about \$30000 goes to wine.** Depp **paid more than \$75 million to buy and maintain 14 homes, including a French chateau and a chain of islands in the Bahamas.** He bought Vanesa Paradis as a gift a vineyard and a property in France.

**THE PIRATES OF THE CARRIBEAN /SALAZAR'S REVENGE** [rivendž] (pomsta) is about **Captain Jack who serches the trident [trid@nt] (trojzubec) of Poseidon.** It is a **fantasy and adventure film, a comedy about pirates.** The film **was directed by Joachim Roning.**The film stars **Johny Depp, Chavier Bardem** and others. **The main characters** are Captain Jack Sparrow, Captain Salazar, Captain Barbossa, Henry Turner and others. The **film is set in the Carribbean Seas** and in the village of Saint Martin.

