

# Dead Famous – Past Simple





#### John Lennon

Date of birth: 9 October 1940 Date of death: 8 December 1980

From: Liverpool, England

Famous for: Singer, songwriter and guitarist for The Beatles, Peace activist

Cause of death: Assassination

Other information: Lennon was the coleader of The Beatles with Paul McCartney. After the band split up in 1970, he produced

records with his wife Yoko Ono.

# Napoleon Bonaparte

Date of birth: 15 August 1769 Date of death: 5 May 1821 From: Corsica, France

Famous for: French military leader and

Emperor from 1804-1814 Cause of death: Died in exile

Other information: Napoleon led many successful campaigns in the Napoleonic Wars and formed an empire. His empire fell

in 1815 after the battle of Waterloo.

# Marilyn Monroe

Date of birth: 1 June 1926 Date of death: 4 August 1962 From: Los Angeles, USA

Famous for: Actress and cultural icon Cause of death: Drug overdose, probable

suicide

Other information: Marilyn Monroe was the original blonde bombshell. She was a model and popular actress in the 1950s.

## **Robin Williams**

Date of birth: 21 July 1951 Date of death: 11 August 2014

From: USA

Famous for: Actor and comedian

Cause of death: Suicide

Other information: Robin Williams was a successful comedian before his first film role as *Popeye* in 1980. He won an Oscar for his dramatic role in *Good Will Hunting*.

# William Shakespeare

Date of birth: 26 April 1564 Date of death: 23 April 1616

From: Stratford-upon-Avon, England Famous for: Poet and playwright

Cause of death: Unknown

Other information: There are 37 plays attributed to Shakespeare, but there is some controversy that some may not be his

authentic work.

# Sun Tzu

Date of birth: 544 BC Date of death: 496 BC

From: China

Famous for: Chinese military leader, writer

and philosopher

Cause of death: Unknown

Other information: Sun Tzu led the Wu kingdom to be the most powerful kingdom of the era. He later wrote *The Art of War* 

about his military tactics.

## Michael Jackson

Date of birth: 29 August 1958 Date of death: 25 June 2009

From: USA

Famous for: Singer, songwriter and dancer

Cause of death: Drug overdose

Other information: Michael Jackson was known as the "King of Pop". His global popularity made him one of the most important cultural figures of the 20th

century.

## **Anne Frank**

Date of birth: 12 June 1929

Date of death: February/March 1945 From: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Famous for: Writer

Cause of death: Disease in a Nazi

concentration camp

Other information: Anne Frank's diary was published as a book titled Diary of a Young Girl. Her house in Amsterdam where she hid from the Nazis is now a museum.











#### Jane Austen

Date of birth: 16 December 1775

Date of death: 18 July 1817

From: England
Famous for: Writer

Cause of death: Disease or possible

poisoning

**Other information:** Austen wrote 6 famous novels including *Pride and Prejudice*. Her works included social commentary of the role of women in society at the time.

### **Julius Caesar**

Date of birth: 12 July 100 BC Date of death: 15 March 44 BC

From: Rome, Italy

Famous for: Roman military leader and

Emperor

Cause of death: Assassination

**Other information:** Caesar led the Roman army to victory across Europe and his political movements led to the creation of

the Roman Empire.

# John F. Kennedy

Date of birth: 29 May 1917

Date of death: 22 November 1963

From: USA

Famous for: President

Cause of death: Assassination

**Other information:** Kennedy was president during the Cold War and had international several incidents in Cuba and Vietnam. He supported the 1960s American Civil Rights

Movement.

### Nelson Mandela

Date of birth: 18 July 1918

Date of death: 5 December 2013

From: South Africa

**Famous for:** Political activist and president **Cause of death:** Natural causes, disease **Other information:** Mandela spent 27 years in prison after fighting to stop apartheid in racially segregated South Africa. He was released from prison in 1990 and in 1994 he

became president.

### **Albert Einstein**

Date of birth: 14 March 1879 Date of death: 18 April 1955

From: Germany
Famous for: Scientist

**Cause of death:** Natural causes, aneurysm **Other information:** Einstein was a theoretical physicist who developed the theory of relativity and the formula E=mc². He left Europe and went to the USA in the

1930s to escape the Nazis.

# **Amelia Earhart**

Date of birth: 24 July 1897 Date of death: 2 July 1937

From: USA Famous for: Pilot

Cause of death: Disappeared while flying

around the world

**Other information:** Earheart was the first female pilot to cross the Atlantic solo. Her disappearance is still a mystery with many

conspiracy theories.

# Muhammad Ali

Date of birth: 17 January 1942

Date of death: 3 June 2016

From: USA

Famous for: Boxer

Cause of death: Disease (Parkinson's)

Other information: Ali won the

heavyweight championship in 1964 at age 22. His fights like *The Rumble in the Jungle* 

vs George Foreman became famous

worldwide.

# David Bowie

Date of birth: 8 January 1947 Date of death: 10 January 2016

From: London, England

Famous for: Singer and songwriter

Cause of death:

**Other information:** Bowie was named the "Greatest Rock Star Ever" by *Rolling Stone*. His innovative music and showmanship

made him famous in the 1970s.

