

Famous Person: Marilyn Monroe

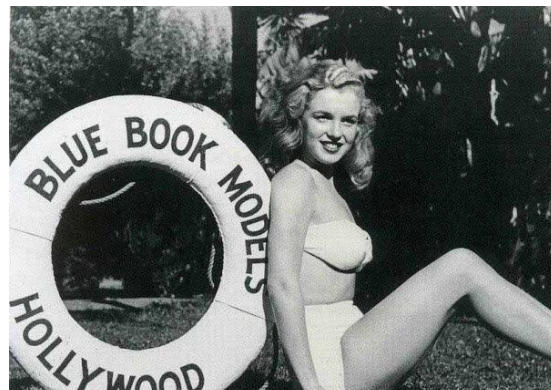
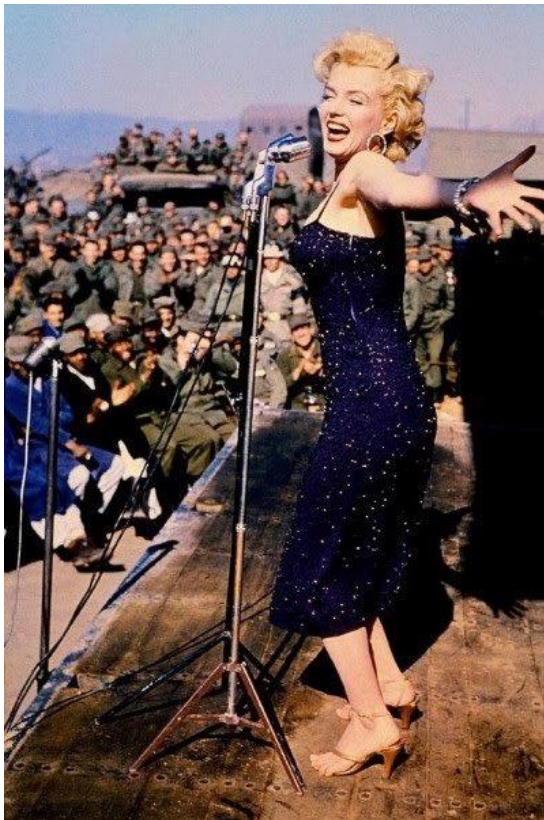
- ▶ Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) Model, actress, singer and arguably one of the most famous women of the twentieth century.



Childhood and youth



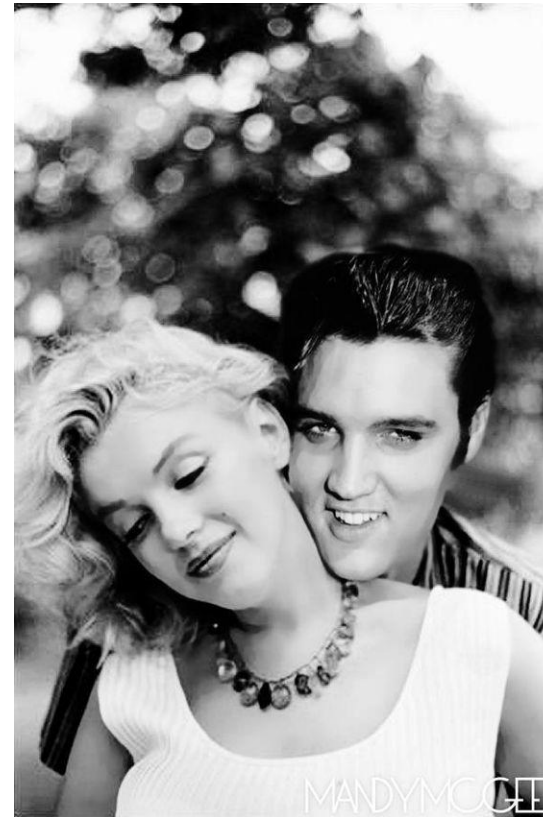
Start of career



Hollywood and films



Private life





Marilyn has appeared in only 30 films, but her legendary status and mysticism will remain in the history of cinema forever.



- ▶ In 1955, she sought greater independence from Fox, and began her own movie production and began studying method acting. Despite the media often being dismissive of Monroe's potential, her efforts to improve acting paid off, and later films received critical acclaim for her wider scope of acting. She was nominated for Golden Globe Best Actress Award for *Bus Stop* (1956). In 1959, she won a Golden Globe for her role in '*Some Like It Hot*'.
- ▶ Hers private life was not happy: after troubles with her boyfriend baseball star Joe DiMaggio, she started use use drugs and sleeping pills. Finally, this is the reason of her death in 1962.







Short Biographical Notes

- ▶ Monroe was born, Norma Jeane Mortenson, in June 1926.
- ▶ Just after her 16th birthday, in 1942, Monroe married her 21-year-old, next-door neighbour Jimmy Dougherty.
- ▶ Photographer David Conover was covering the munitions factory to show women at work for the War effort. He was struck by the beauty and photogenic nature of Norma, and he used her in many of his photographs. This enabled her to start a career as a model, and she was soon featured on the front of many magazine covers.