

Famous people IN GREAT BRITAIN



QUEEN ELIZABETH II (1926 -)

The Queen of Britain since 1952. She married her third cousin, Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. They have 4 children: Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES DIANA (1961 – 1997)

Diana Spencer married the Prince of Wales in 1981. She has won the affection of many people by her modesty, shyness and beauty. In 1982 she gave birth to her 1st child, Prince William, and 2 years later to her 2nd son, Prince Harry (Henry). In February 1996 was the divorce, 31 August 1997 was the car crash in Paris that took her life.



PRINCE WILLIAM (1982 -)

The 1st son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana. He is also the Prince of Wales, like his father.



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL (1874 – 1965)

An English politician who was the Prime Minister of Britain during most of the Second World War. He made many famous speeches and is admired and remembered for his great leadership of the nation.



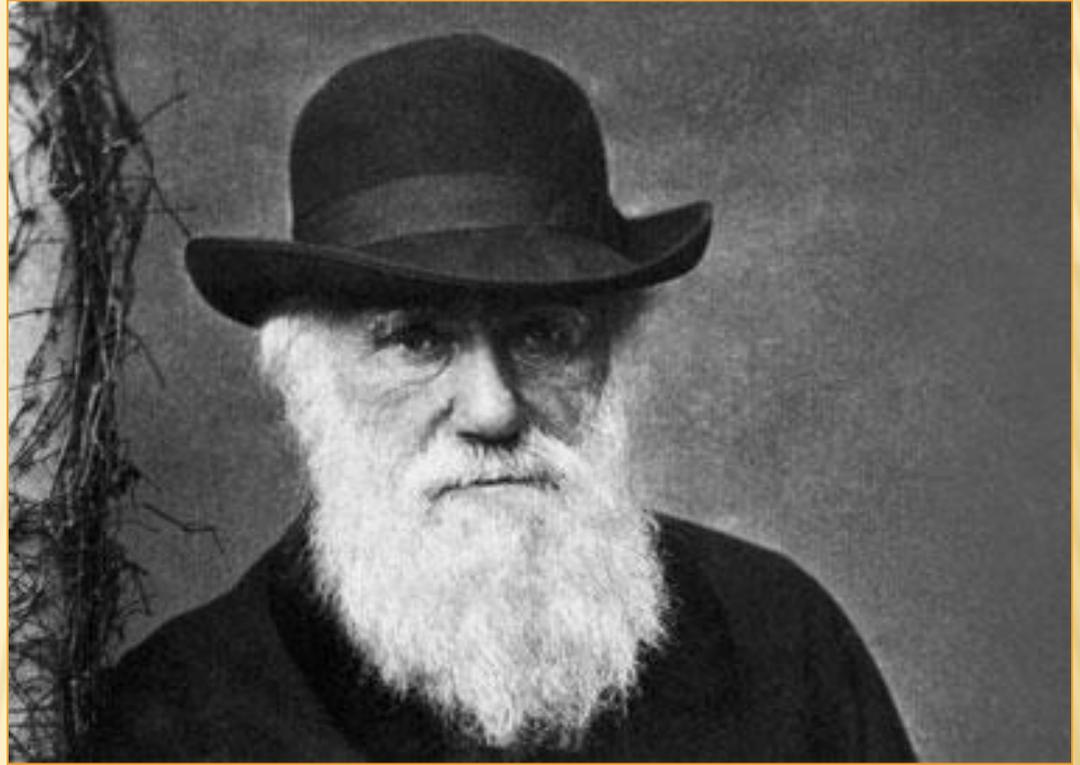
MARGARET HILDA THATCHER (1925 - 2013

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The 1st woman prime minister of Britain (1979 - 90) now officially called Lady Thatcher.



FRANCIS WILLIAM ASTON (1877 – 1945)

An English physicist discovered isotopes and built the 1st mass spectograph. He was awarded the Nobel prize for chemistry (1922)



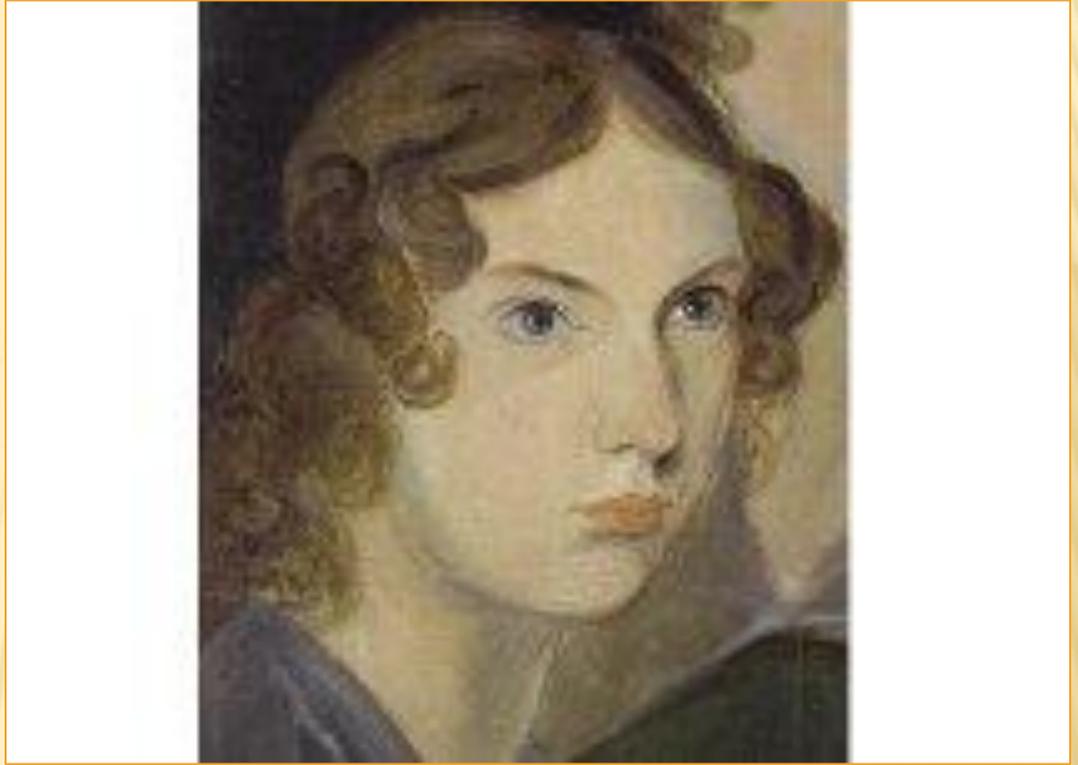
CHARLES ROBERT DARWIN (1809 – 1982)

A world famous English scientist who discovered the theory of evolution by natural selection.



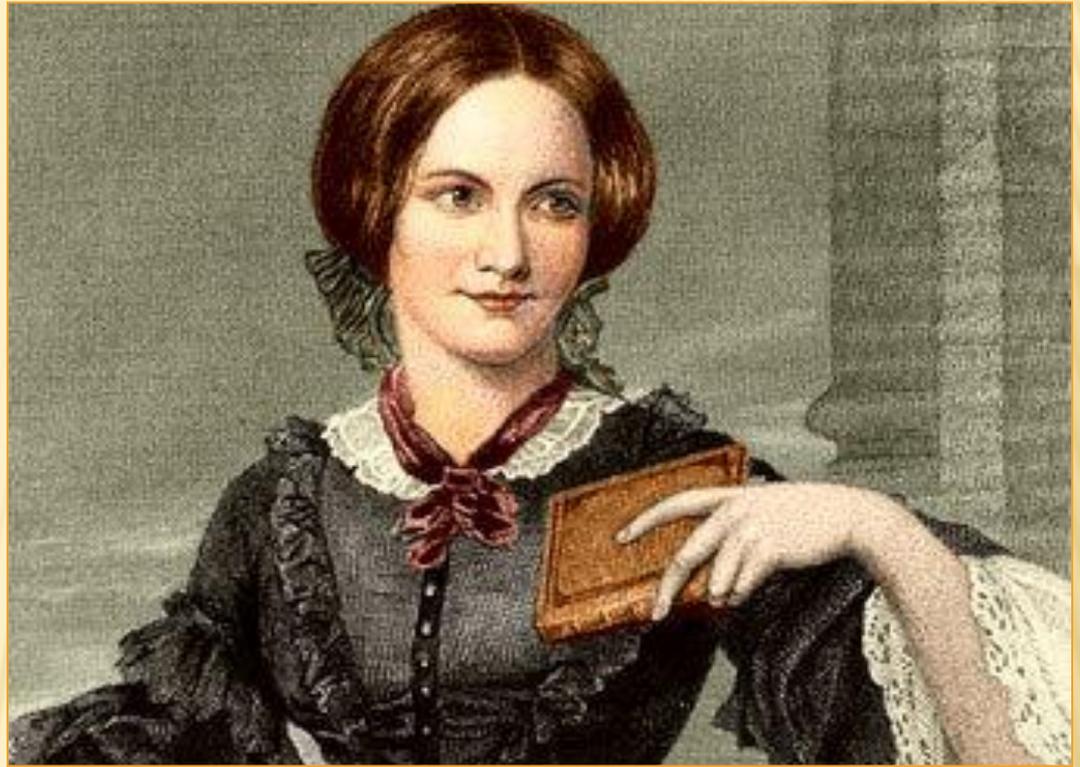
SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING (1881 – 1955)

A Scottish bacteriologist who discovered penicillin in 1928.



ANNE BRONTE (1820 – 1849)

An English writer, the sister of Charlotte and Emily, best known for her novel *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*



CHARLOTTE BRONTË (1816 – 1855)

An English writer, the sister of Anne and Emily, best known for her novel *Jane Eyre*.



EMILY BRONTE (1818 – 1848)

An English writer, the sister of Anne and Charlotte, best known for her novel *Wuthering Heights*.



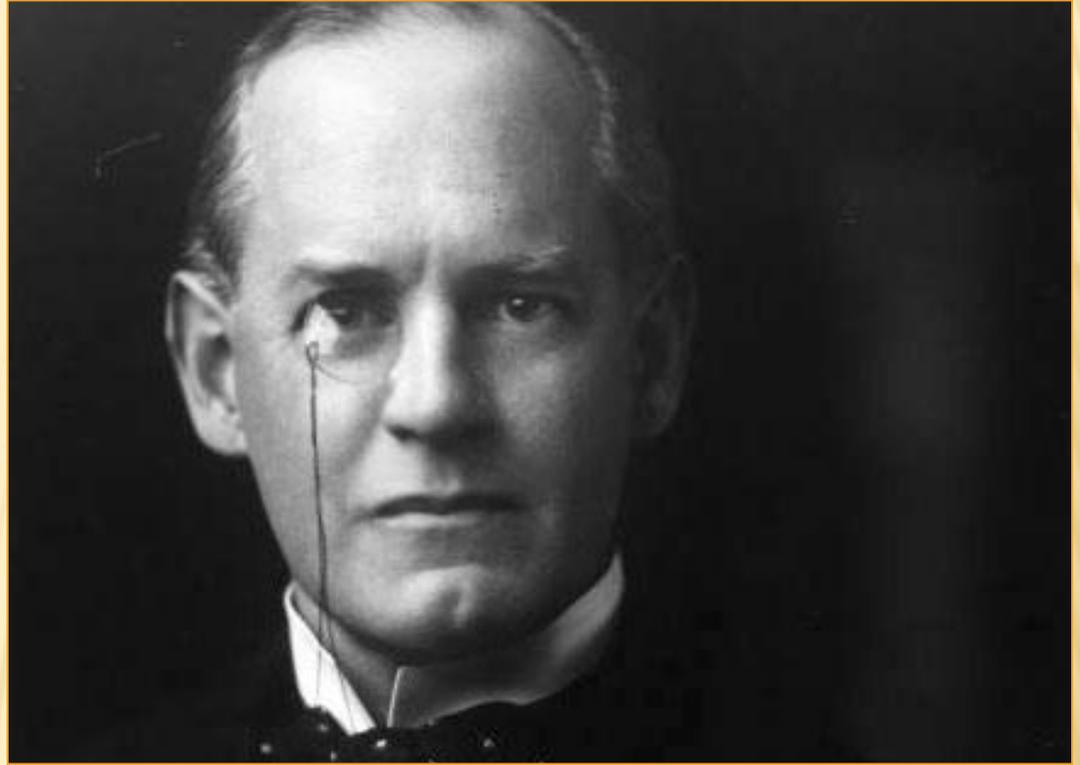
AGATHA CHRISTIE (1890 – 1976)

An English writer of popular books, detective stories and plays, many of which have been made into films.



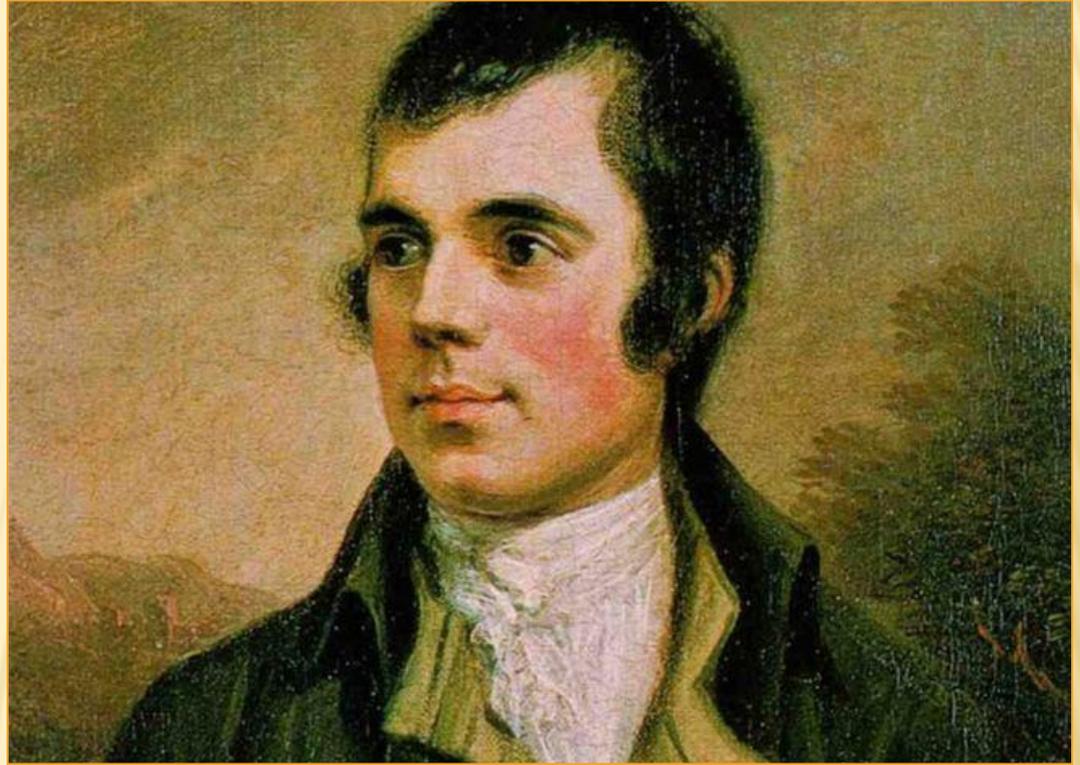
ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE (1859-1930)

A British writer, creator of the detective Sherlock Holmes and his assistant Dr Watson.



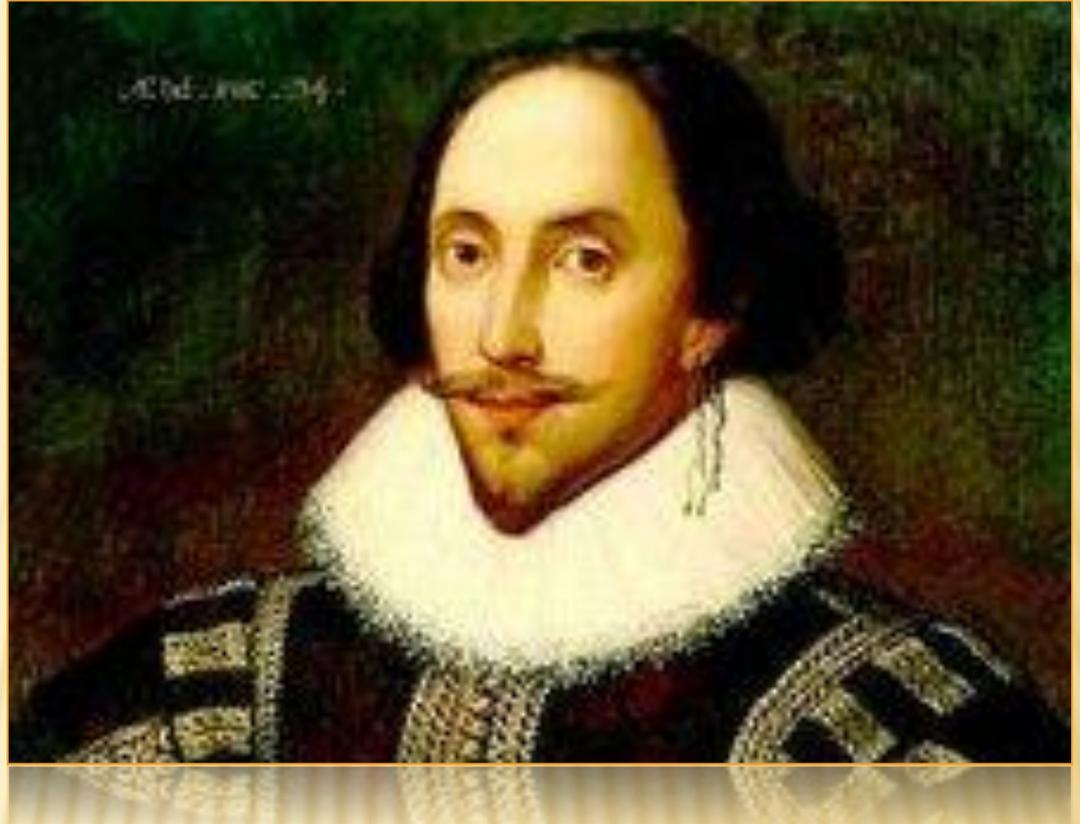
JOHN GALSWORTHY (1867-1933)

An English writer of books and plays who won the Nobel prize for literature in 1932. He is the best-known for his books *The Forsyte Saga* (1906-28) about a rich middle-class English family called the Forsytes.



ROBERT BURNS (1759 – 1796)

A Scottish national poet. The source of Burns' poetry is the life of common toilers and Scottish folklore. A sense of liberty is the animating force of his genius.



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1564 – 1616)

An English writer of plays, one of the most famous ever, born in Stratford-upon-Avon. His plays show a great understanding of human activities of all kinds.



ROWAN ATKINSON (1955 -)

A British comedian and actor known especially for his leading parts in TV programmes such as *Blackadder* and *Mr Bean*.



SEAN CONNERY (1930 -)

A Scottish film actor. He is famous especially for playing the character of James Bond in several films, such as *Dr No*, and *From Russia with Love*.



CHARLIE CHAPLIN (1889 – 1977)

A British-American film actor and director, who is famous for his silent film comedies, in which he created and acted the part of the “little man”.



ALFRED HITCHCOCK (1899 – 1980)

A British filmmaker whose films are known for the terror experienced by people watching them. Among his best films were *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, *Psycho*, *Strangers on a Train*, *The Birds*, and *Frenzy*.



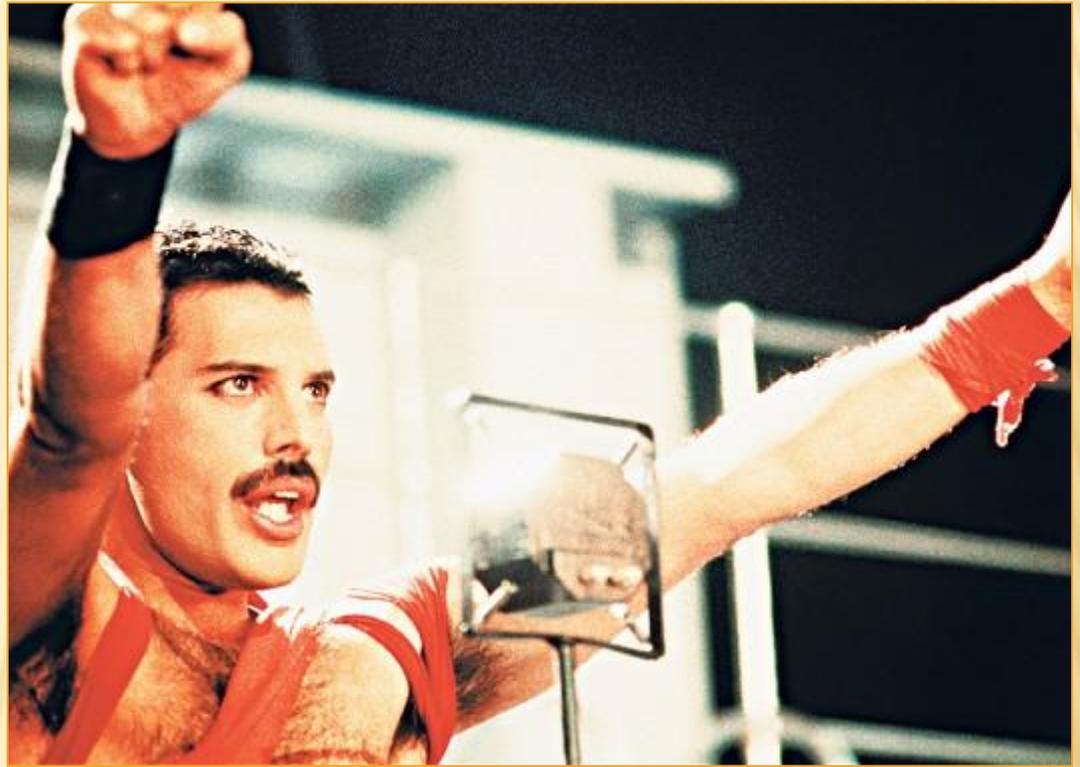
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER (1948 -)

One of the most popular and successful writers of musicals in the last century. He rose to instant fame in 1969 with the rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar* written together with Tim Rice. More recent box office hits, some also written with Rice, have been *Evita* (1978), *Cats* (1981), the spectacular *Starlight Express* (1984), and *The Phantom of the Opera*.



THE BEATLES

One of Britain's most influential pop groups, first performing in 1959 in Liverpool. They made their 1st record in 1962 and became probably the most famous and successful group ever. They separated in 1970, each member of the group continued to work in popular music.



FREDDIE MERCURY (1946 – 1991)

A British popular music singer with the group Queen, known for his strange clothes and exciting performances on stage. He died of aids.



THE ROLLING STONES

A British popular music group which was formed in the 1960s and became one of the most successful ever. The group still sometimes play together, and the best-known member is Mick Jagger.



STING (1951 -)

The stage name of a popular music singer who used to sing with the British group Police. His real name is Gordon Sumner.



JOHN CONSTABLE (1776 – 1837)

An English painter. He is considered to be one of the greatest English landscape artists.



THE HAY WAIN (1821)

His paintings, e.g. *The Haywain*, show his detailed observation of nature, his free handling of paint. The “light-dews-breezes-bloom-and-freshness” of his landscapes were revolutionary.



GORDON BANKS (1937 -)

An English football player, generally thought to be one of the best goalkeepers to have played for England.



BOBBY CHARLTON (1937 -)

An English footballer who played for Manchester United. He is considered to be one of the best British footballers of all time.



DON KING (1931 -)

An arranger and advertiser of boxing matches known for being associated with important boxers and for his unusual hair-style and behaviour.



DAVID BECKHAM (1975 -)

An English former footballer. He has played for Manchester United, Preston North End, Real Madrid, Milan, Los Angeles Galaxy, and the England national team for which he holds the appearance record for an outfield player. He was the first English player to win league titles in four countries, England, Spain, the United States and France.