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Marilyn Monroe-

a large part of her childhood was spent in foster homes.

Her captivating beauty was first noticed by an army photographer called David Conover, who took a photograph of her while he was visiting the factory. The photographer also encouraged her to become a model at The Blue Book Modeling Agency, and she quickly became one of the agency's most successful models.

Marilyn Monroe wanted to improve her acting skills, and she enrolled in the prestigious Actor's Studio in New York in the year 1955.

Marilyn Monroe appeared in more than 20 movies, and the most famous ones were Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, How to Marry a Millionaire, There's No Business Like Show Business, River of No Return, Seven Year Itch, Bus Stop, The Prince and the Showgirl, and Some Like It Hot.

She sang the "Happy Birthday" song to President John F. Kennedy in a breathless and sensual way at the Madison Square Garden

because of pressures, Norma Jeane started to change things in her life : first, she dyed her hair to blonde shades. Second, she asked for a divorce on May 14th 1946. That same year, she signed her first contract with the Fox Studios, and was paid 75\$ a week. Finally, on August 24th 1946, Norma Jeane Dougherty became Marilyn Monroe

she was looking for a child to adopt in Mexico.

Although to some she will always be the pampered, curvaceous, dumb blonde, those who knew her described her as intelligent

garnered fame playing characters who matched the ditzy blonde stereotype, the actress was actually quite intellectual

Monroe gained a lot of attention for her roles in light films and musicals, as well as for her sex appeal.

Monroe started a production company, Marilyn Monroe Productions, with friend and photographer Milton Greene in order to give herself the opportunity to play more interesting roles.

she was potentially one of the great actresses of her generation

I hate Hollywood, I don't want it any more. I want to live quietly in the country and just be there when you need me

*Oprah Winfrey*

*American media executive, actress, talk show host, television producer and philanthropist.*

teenage single mother and later raised in inner-city Milwaukee. She has stated that she was molested during her childhood and early teens and became pregnant at 14; her son was born prematurely and died in infancy.

landed a job in radio while still in high school. By 19, she was a co-anchor for the local evening news. Winfrey's often emotional, extemporaneous delivery eventually led to her transfer to the daytime talk show arena, and after boosting a third-rated local Chicago talk show to first place,<sup>[16]</sup> she launched her own production company and became internationally syndicated.

She later said that her conception was due to a single sexual encounter and the couple broke up not long after

Winfrey spent her first six years living in rural poverty with her maternal grandmother

Winfrey has stated she was molested by her cousin, uncle, and a family friend, starting when she was nine years old,

As a child, she played games interviewing her corn cob doll and the crows on the fence of her family's property. Winfrey later acknowledged her grandmother's

influence, saying it was Hattie Mae who had encouraged her to speak in public and "gave me a positive sense of myself".

when she was sent to Milwaukee to live with her mother, who had found work as a housemaid. In the long days when her mother was absent from their inner-city apartment, young Oprah was repeatedly molested by male relatives and another visitor. The abuse, which lasted from the ages of nine to 13, was emotionally devastating. When she tried to run away, she was sent to a juvenile detention home, only to be denied admission because all the beds were filled. At 14, she was out of the house and on her own. By her own account, she was sexually promiscuous as a teenager. After giving birth to a baby boy who died in infancy, she went to Nashville, Tennessee to live with her father.

J.K Rowling

a British novelist, philanthropist, film producer, television producer and screenwriter, best known for writing the *Harry Potter* fantasy series.

when she conceived the idea for the *Harry Potter* series while on a delayed train from Manchester to London in 1990.<sup>[6]</sup> The seven-year period that followed saw the death of her mother, birth of her first child, divorce from her first husband and relative poverty until the first novel in the series

In October 2010, Rowling was named the "Most Influential Woman in Britain" by leading magazine editors

She has supported charities, including Comic Relief, One Parent Families and Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain, and launched her own charity, Lumos.

As a child, Rowling often wrote fantasy stories which she frequently read to her sister.<sup>[1]</sup> Aged nine, Rowling moved to Church Cottage in the Gloucestershire village of Tutshill, close to Chepstow, Wales.<sup>[25]</sup> When she was a young teenager, her great-aunt gave her a copy of Jessica Mitford's autobiography, *Hons and Rebels*.<sup>[32]</sup> Mitford became Rowling's heroine, and Rowling read all of her books.

home life was complicated by her mother's diagnosis with multiple sclerosis<sup>[34]</sup> and a strained relationship with her father, with whom she is not on speaking terms

In December, Rowling's mother, Anne, died after ten years suffering from multiple sclerosis. Rowling was writing *Harry Potter* at the time and had never told her mother about it. Her mother's death heavily affected Rowling's writing, and she channelled her own feelings of loss by writing about Harry's own feelings of loss in greater detail in the first book

Rowling had previously suffered a miscarriage. The couple separated on 17 November 1993. Biographers have suggested that Rowling suffered domestic abuse during her marriage

Seven years after graduating from university, Rowling saw herself as a failure. Her marriage had failed, and she was jobless with a dependent child, but she described her failure as liberating and allowing her to focus on writing. During this period, Rowling was diagnosed with clinical depression and contemplated suicide. Her illness inspired the characters known as Dementors, soul-sucking creatures introduced in the third book. Rowling signed up for welfare benefits, describing her economic status as being "poor as it is possible to be in modern Britain, without being homeless

Rowling's seven Harry Potter novels became international blockbusters, selling over 400 million copies and being translated into more than 60 languages. The books also spawned a series of movies, video games and other merchandise that made Rowling one of the wealthiest people in the entertainment industry

Her completed manuscript was turned down by a number of publishers before she got a book deal with Bloomsbury Publishing in August 1996.

Rowling has since become the UK's best-selling living author and one of the wealthiest women in the world

she wrote that she had always known she would be a book author. "As soon as I knew what writers were, I wanted to be one.

she came from a difficult family and saying her mother's 10-year battle with multiple sclerosis took a toll on her and the family.

six months after she began writing "Harry Potter," and she lamented that her mother never knew she was writing it. The loss of her own mother would eventually lead Rowling to make Harry Potter suffer the death of his parents.

Living in a cramped apartment with her daughter, jobless and penniless, Rowling fell into a deep depression and admits she even considered suicide. She was forced to rely on state benefits and spent much of her time writing "Harry Potter" in cafés with Jessica sleeping in the pram next to her.

After receiving "loads" of rejections from book publishers when she first sent out the manuscript, Bloomsbury, a publishing house in London, gave " Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" the green light in 1997.

Her series of seven books has since sold more than 450 million copies, won innumerable awards, been made into movies, and transformed Rowling's life.

### **Similarities between all 3**

- **rough start to life**
- **ended up being very successful in life**
- **used their personal experiences to influence them to do better**
- **all passionate about what they do since they were little**
- **all failed before they could succeed**

## **Biography:**

Early life:

In the beginning of her life she was hospitalized for an extreme case of rabies, while at a dance competition bit by one of her teammates' dog that was with them. She spent days on end in the hospital just struggling for her life. They placed her into a medically induced coma. After being released from the hospital nothing was the same. Her mom always followed her around to make sure that something like that would never happen again. All she wanted to do was have her free time alone to dance. She was never allowed on the dance team because her mom was too worried to leave her alone. Ever since that day she had to let her hopes and dreams out the window.

Beginning her career:

As she entered her new high school, she tried out for the dance team without her mom knowing. Her excuse was that she was on the chess team now. With all her experience from before she got bit she made the varsity high school dance team. She didn't want to turn this chance down so she accepted the spot.

After treatment:

After she was treated, she did have some side effects that were everlasting. Some of the side effects included frequent migraines with strenuous exercise, high fevers, depression, and in serious cases seizures. Because of some of these she was very weak but it was still her ultimate goal to get back on stage and dance.

Her big break:

While at one of her very important meets where there were many scholars, she had a very challenging dance routine. While performing her dance she tore her achilles tendon. When she was taken to the hospital again because of dancing her mom found out. She was in more pain than trouble

at that moment so she didn't pay much attention. Over the next 6 months of her life she had to spend letting her ankle heal and worry about getting it back into full physical use before finals came along.

Reaching out:

Her main goal was to get as many people to finals as possible to watch her dance after her recovery. She said " If I can dance as well as i did before I tore my tendon then who wouldn't want me". Receiving the emails back from the scholars she invited to finals, she wasn't happy with where her career was going. At most she had 3 or 4 people at finals watching her when before her tear she had about 20 schools lined up for her. Seeing this drastic change in schools she needed to prove them wrong.

Finals:

While competing in finals she had a long 3 minute solo dance with a bunch of hard turns and pivots in it. Then she had a shorter group dance about 2 minutes long that wouldn't be as hard as her solo. After she finished her dance she was given the chance of a lifetime.

USA national dance team:

After competing in finals little did she know the national dance team director had their eye on her. She was targeted because of the way that she came back to finals dancing stronger than ever and didn't let an injury stop her from competing. Later in the month she got a welcoming email to try out for the national team. With her mom's permission she tried out. With little doubt in her mind she performed a short ballet piece and made the team at the age of 17.

National titles:

She made the national team every year up until she hit the age of 34. The time she danced took a toll on her body and it was just her time to give up her spot. Without her tearing her tendon, and without her having that background knowledge of dancing she probably would have never made it

onto the national team. She has made dancing history by being one of the youngest national team dancers, and also one of the longest national team dancers.