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MADONNA – IS SHE A MATERIAL GIRL?

Some people say that Madonna is neither a great singer nor a good actress, but millions of fans still admire and love her. She was born in Bay City, Michigan on August 16, 1958 in a family of Italian origin. Her real name was Madonna Louise Ciccone. After the death of her mother she and her three sisters and four brothers were brought up by her father and stepmother. She grew up in Pontiac, Michigan, in the suburbs of Detroit.

Career

Madonna began her career as a completely unknown girl singing sweet songs, which quickly brought her popularity. One of her most famous songs from her earlier period is *“Material Girl”*, in which the artist imitates the famous film sequence by Marilyn Monroe. Her image often changes. First a girl with long dark hair, she turns into a shorthaired blonde.

Madonna is also known as an actress. Perhaps her biggest success was playing the leading role in the musical *“Evita”*, where she co-starred with Antonio Banderas.

Today the singer is one of the richest and most powerful celebrities in show business. Despite being such a big success with so many hits it seems that she has not said her final word yet.

WORD LIST

actress	-	актриса
admire	-	восхищаться, восторгаться
be brought up by	-	воспитываться
begin	-	начинать
bring popularity	-	принести популярность
career as	-	карьера в качестве
catch on	-	подхватывать
celebrity	-	знаменитость
co-star	-	выступить вместе с кем-либо
death	-	смерть
despite	-	несмотря на
film sequence	-	сцена из фильма
grow up	-	дорастать
image	-	имидж
imitate	-	подражать, имитировать
it seems ...	-	кажется
leading role	-	главная роль
neither ... nor	-	ни ..., ни; не ..., не
origin	-	происхождение
period	-	период
powerful	-	могущественный, влиятельный
stepmother	-	мачеха
suburbs	-	предместья
turn into	-	превратиться
unknown	-	неизвестный

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Madonna born?
2. Who was important for her in her childhood?
3. How does her image change?
4. What was her biggest success as an actress?
5. How old is she now?

CÉLINE DION

Céline Dion is now one of the most famous singers in the world. She sells lots of records, and has got thousands of fans in many countries.

Childhood in Canada

She was born in Charlemagne – a small town in Quebec in Canada. She was the youngest of 14 children in a highly musical family. Her parents were musicians and had a little club, where the whole family performed for the locals.

When did it all start?

When Céline was 13 years old, she composed a song together with her brother. René Angélil, a manager, heard the demo tape, and was extremely impressed by Céline's voice. He decided to make her an international star and succeeded in this. Today, René Angélil is also her husband.

Her hits

The world heard about Céline Dion when she sang a song for Disney's *"Beauty and the Beast"* («Красавица и чудовище»). Her next songs, including *"The Colour of My Love"* and *"Falling into you"*, were all hits and captured the hearts of many people all over the world. It is Céline's powerful voice and dramatic style which make her music so beautiful.

WORD LIST

beast	-	чудовище
compose	-	сочинять, создавать
fan	-	поклонник
local	-	местный
musical	-	музыкальный
musician	-	музыкант
perform	-	выступать
record	-	запись, диск
singer	-	певец, певица
tape	-	магнитофонная лента, запись

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Céline Dion born?
2. Does she have a big family?
3. Who made her famous?
4. What was her first song that was known all over the world?
5. What are the titles of her two best-known songs?