

# Voices of Change

An Anthology of Extraordinary People Who Have  
Changed Our World

Words and Artworks by Year 8 Create

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# Jane Goodall: The Shadow of Men

by Melissa Vosnacos

***The birds screeching, insects crawling through the dewy grass, April 3rd, 1934 London and the world's greatest environmentalist and primatologist was born.***

Jane Goodall is an extraordinary lady who made peace with chimpanzees, a woman who when she was only a girl had a strong and powerful connection to the flora and fauna around her; as she got given her first toy, a chimp .... A look into her future

Jane Goodall left school in 1952, she always wanted to go to oxford for a higher education but couldn't be due to lack of money. Instead, she ended up working at a London film making company choosing music for documentary's and as a secretary at oxford university, what a coincidence. She may have had a few careers in her early life, but her real career never really started until her close friend Clo mange invited her to visit her family farm in Kenya.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1957 age 23: Jane moves to Kenya, working at the farm, when she met famous anthropologist and palaeontologist Dr louis S.B Leaky, this man changed her life for the better. He took her on as an apprentice impressed with her knowledge of the native wildlife, he not only taught her everything he knew but he also showed jane her true potential and how her heart has always been with the native creatures of Africa, including chimpanzees.

"I wanted to come as close to talking to animals as possible." -Jane Goodall

Later Jane went on a trip to Tanzania to study the way of life among chimpanzees. When Jane Goodall first met the chimps, they were startled by her presence, but that all changed in October 1966 when Jane Goodall found a chimp and she named David Greybeard.

David Greybeard was the first chimp that warmed up to Jane and he encouraged other chimps to do it to this allowed Jane to be accepted into their community and be able to study them up close in person. She even gave them all individual names based on their looks and personality, much to the disgust of other primatologists at the time as you were only meant to give them names.

This led to a number of new discoveries such as: how everyone thought that chimps were primarily vegetarians, but she proved us wrong by discovering that they were omnivores like us. Everything else that Jane Goodall found out about chimpanzees spired others to research about other primates and they discovered they're more like us than we originally thought.

Ultimately Jane Goodall is an inspiration to all mankind, her research and conservation has improved the lives of thousands of chimpanzees and other primates.



# Malala Yousafzai: The Girl Who Survived the Gun

By Sarah Harris

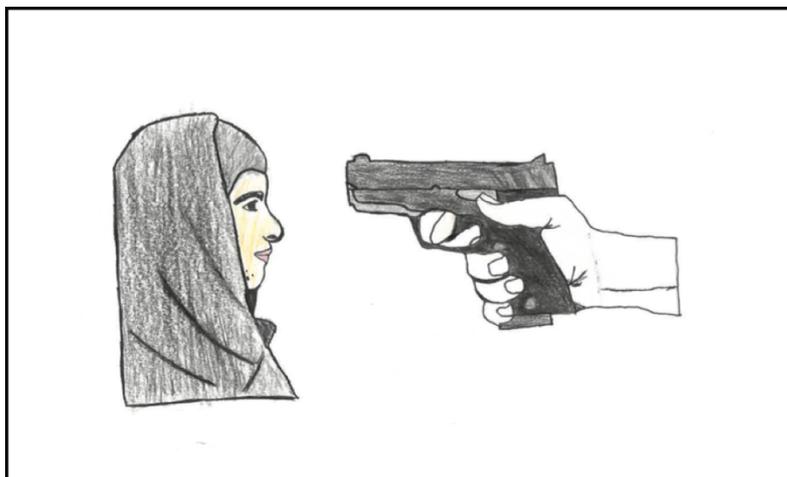
***He demanded “Who is Malala?” She was shot! Pierced through the left side of her head.***

It all started on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1997 when the world changed for the better: Malala Yousafzai was born. She was born in Mingora, Pakistan. Her educated father Ziauddin Yousafzai and her loving mother Tor Pekai Yousafzai raised Malala to be the person she is today. Her father taught her Pashto, English, and Urdu languages. Her father sensed very early that there was something special about Malala and he encouraged her to think and express freely. Malala’s childhood was very nice, but little did she know what was about to happen that would change her life forever.

It all happened in October 2012. Malala was shot on her way home from school, on her school bus. The bus was pain and not noticeable, but somehow the Taliban had found out that Malala was on that bus. The Taliban, who were in power at the time, wanted everything their way. The Taliban banned many things including: owning a television and playing music. They enforced harsh punishment to those who did not follow their rules. They also said that girls could not go to school, and that’s where Malala comes in. Malala (the powerful girl she was) did not agree with this. Malala’s father opened a school for girls in secret and Malala and her friends all attended that school. The girls would sneak out of their houses and walk to catch this plain white bus.

Malala woke up sore 10 days later in Birmingham, England. All she saw was long daunting tubes connected to HER! The memories kept flooding in about that sound and the hazy view of people all around her. In the hospital she found out that people all around the world were praying for her and were hoping that she would be ok. Everyone thought that Malala was like an angel for standing up for what she wanted in life. After all her surgery and rehabilitation, she finally joined her family in their new home in Birmingham England. But still after everything she had been through: all the pain and tears, she still wanted to fight until every girl could go to school.

Malala Yousafzai is amazing, awesome, and astounding! She is a person that we should all look up to because after everything that happened to her, she still fought for the right for girls to go to school. She established Malala Fund; a charity dedicated to give every girl an opportunity to achieve a future they want. Malala Fund is working so that girls’ stories can be heard around the world. A huge, humongous, happy achievement for Malala was when she won the Nobel Peace Prize award in December 2014 and she became the youngest-ever Nobel award winner. But the biggest achievement that Malala accomplished was on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Malala addressed an audience of 500 at the United Nations in New York City. Malala Yousafzai is the bravest person I know, and we should all look up to her. So, think about this... What could have happened if evil won yet again and Malala did not survive?



# Gloria Steinem: The Face of Feminism

by Ava Theseira

## ***There she was.***

Gloria Steinem found herself standing by the dark and busy walls, with people—lots of people. Many women stood inside this place, stripped down as ‘Playboy Bunnies’, carrying trays with beer piled on top. Men stayed sitting down, chugging the several rounds of beer or energy drinks. A tall security guard stood before her. ‘Come here bunny—bunny...take off your coat’.

The moment Gloria took one step in front of the guard, she had one question and one question only. Is this how it really is for women?

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1934 was when Gloria Steinem was born. Throughout her childhood, Gloria spent lots of her time travelling and looking after her mother who was chronically depressed. In 1956, Gloria finally graduated from Smith’s college, with a degree in Government. This—is when Gloria’s great journey as a journalist, finally started.

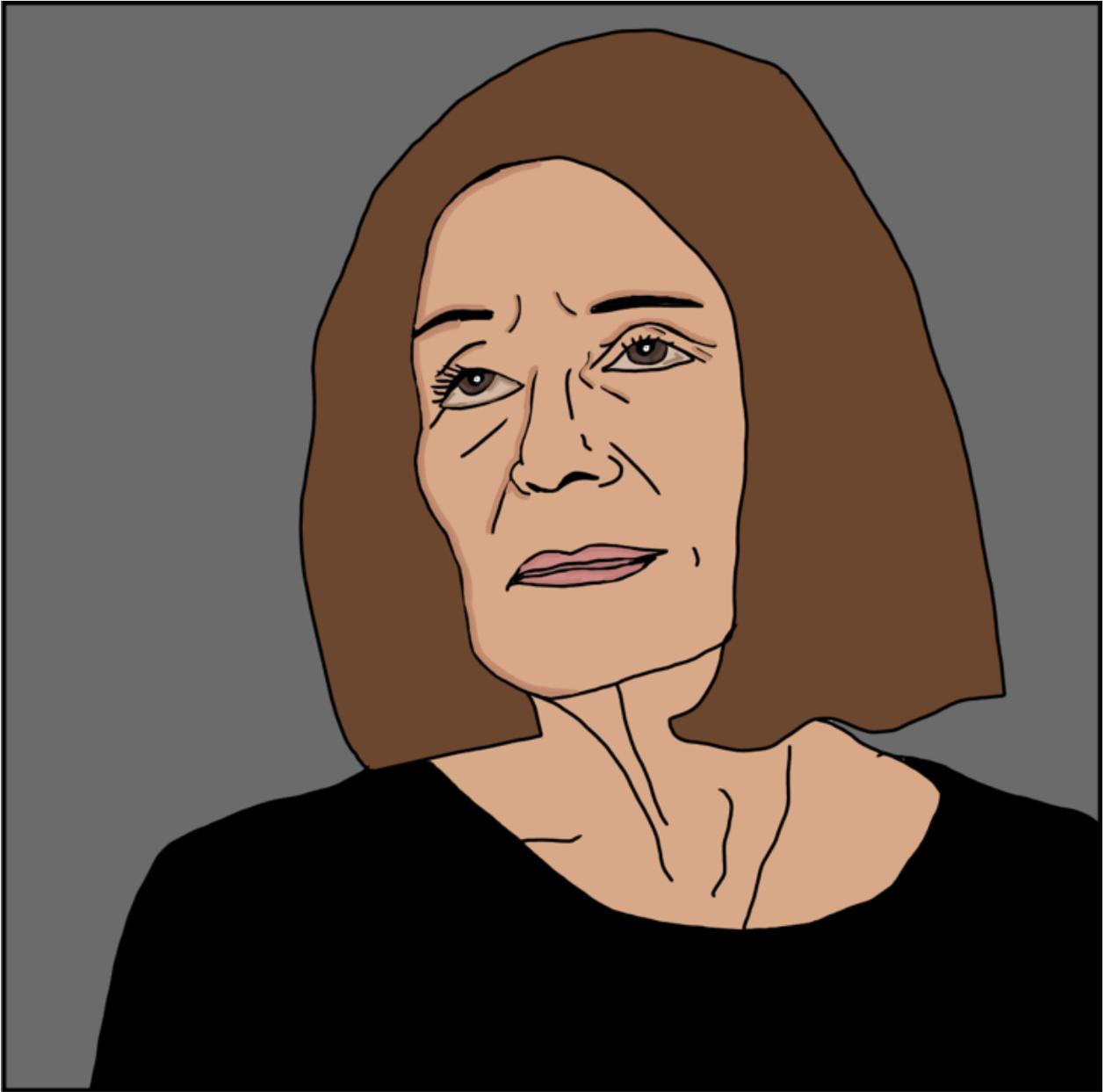
However, Gloria’s first job as an undercover journalist, was something she had never imagined doing in a million years...becoming a New York Playboy Bunny. The minute Gloria stepped into the club, the security guard had already objectified her with *no* hesitation. During Gloria’s interview, the girls around her had been stuffing rubber or plastic bags down their tops for the effect of ‘bigger breasts’.

On Gloria’s first shift, she had to put on a tight, silk corset, bunny ears and gloves. The corset was put on so tight Gloria could barely breathe! Gloria managed to work undercover for over three months, finding out all she could about the women who worked as bunnies - why they took the job, how they were treated and how society looked down on them. When she finished, she wrote an article about what it was like to be a Playboy Bunny in New York, and exposed one of the most toxic, male industries! Not everyone was happy, and for a while, Gloria could not get a job anywhere else.

But, from here on, Gloria made several protests and speeches on feminism. She also took many stands to support the BLM movement, and LGBTQI+ rights as well! Before Gloria knew it, she was one of the world’s most famous feminists. Not only did she manage to become a popular feminist—but she also became a public leader and spokeswoman.

Gloria Steinem made a big impact on the world. Particularly women. She took a risk to see how it truly is for women. She stood up for woman’s rights, black rights and LGBTQI+ rights. But most importantly, she became a person that others could look up to. Today, Gloria is still supporting LGBTQI+, BLM, and Feminism.

From this, it *proves* that Gloria Marie Steinem, isn’t just the face of feminism, but a brave leader.



# Robert Downey Jr: To Hell and Back

by June Worrapongthamrongrit

***His handsome looks and charming personality. Cameras flash in every direction.***

The red carpet is his, but behind the dazzling smiles awaits a dark history that unfolds...

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1965, a future celebrity was born! But little does he know the dangerous path that lies ahead. Born in Manhattan, New York City, Downey grew up in a rich household. He had food, a roof over his head and loving parents or was that the case? By the age of 8 he was introduced to drugs by his father! "It was a way of us bonding" Robert Downey Jr explained in one of his interviews. His drug addiction grew as he entered his early 20s.

It happened...

Time stopped. His world shattered.

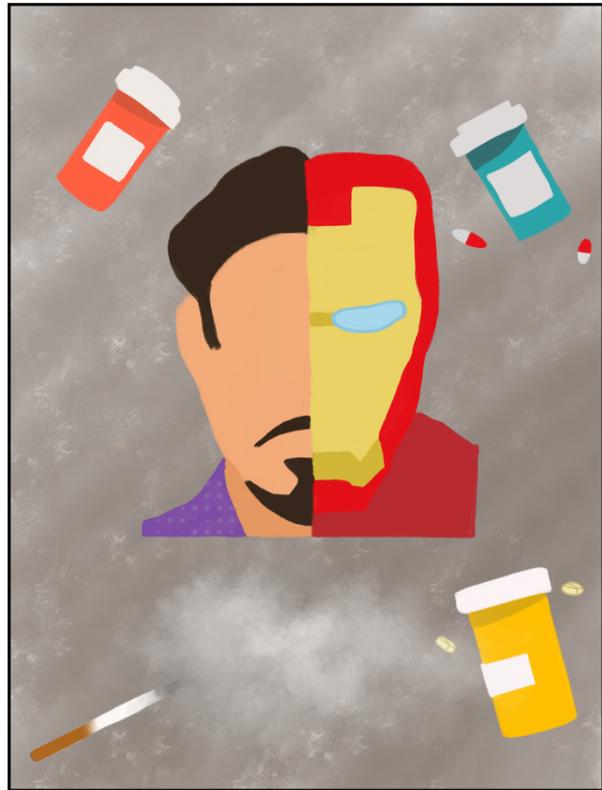
Drug arrest after another, drug rehab, jail time and probations, what is happening in his life? He was spinning faster and farther into a spiral with absolutely no way back. Downey was eventually fired from his job and in the end his wife left him, taking their son with her.

Lost his job, alone and with a serious drug addiction, he was a puppet on Hollywood's strings. As the days go by, he lost more interest in working and most importantly his passion for acting. This was one of the many lowest points in his life.

He did not give up. In 2002 Robert Downey Jr made a comeback after he spent time in a rehab, back into his acting career once more. Starting fresh. While working on the film *Gothika* in 2003 was when he fully made his recovery (yay!). His greatest achievement: starring as Tony Stark in Marvel Studio's *Iron* and *The Avengers* films.

Robert Downey Jr is truly an inspirational person. With so much talent and success, how could someone like him be so manipulated into taking drugs? He could have been another Hollywood actor that died of an overdose. Robert Downey Jr simply ignored everyone who doubted him, talked ill of him and even needing to turn his back to the people he genuinely loved. Downey managed to let loose, free himself and be who he is now.

At this moment he is one of the highest paid actors in the industry with a net worth of \$300 million. Hopefully, he can look back on these rough days and smile.



# Millicent Bryant: The Woman who Changed Aviation

by Mia Ryan

**She opened her way to the sky and challenged other women as well. She goes by Millicent Bryant, the first woman to qualify and earn a pilot's license. The 71st woman in the world to get a degree in aviation.**

Millicent Bryant was born in 1878 in Oberon, New South Wales but grew up in Tangi Western New South Wales. In her early life her family, the Harveys, relocated to Manly for a period of time after her younger brother George caught a disease called Polio. Her family consisted of the mother Georgiana Harvey, her father Edmund Harvey, her younger brother George Harvey and her 8 other siblings. Bryant met and married a public servant, Edward Bryant and had 3 children. Eventually they separated not long before Edwards' death in 1926. Shortly after her ex-husband died, she began instructions in aviation with the Australian Aero Club in Mascot Sydney. Captain Edward Leggat, the Chief Flying Instructor and a First World War fighter pilot, accepted her nomination to join the club along with 2 other women

Millicent Bryant had many achievements in her short life, and we continue to acknowledge these victories that made a monumental difference in other young women's lives in the aviation industry. Bryant was believed to be the first woman to take flying lessons in Australia. Bryant was the first woman to become an accredited pilot in Australia. The 1st woman in the Commonwealth outside of Britain, and the 71st woman in the world to become an accredited pilot at the young age of 49. Even though she was a mother of 3 young children and taking up such a challenge in the 1920s, it was as dangerous as it was exciting and glamorous.

Millicent achieved this license by out flying two other women student pilots by going solo on 23rd March 1927 achieving her "A" license in a De Havilland Moth bi plane, which would enable her to fly independently. Millicent Bryant would have gone on to achieve many more firsts for women in



aviation however 7 months after her first SOLO flight she was tragically killed in a ferry boating accident in Sydney Harbour on Saturday 5th of November 1927. Bryant's funeral was attended by hundreds of people and received an aerial tribute consisting of 5 Aero planes from Mascot aerodrome as the procession made its way to the cemetery where a wreath was dropped from 150 feet landing at the grave.

I think Millicent Bryant is admirable because she paved the way for women of all ages to fly. Millicent Bryant created the opportunities for all women to not only be a passenger on a plane but to be the person in control of the plane. It was said her determination and depth of personality helped in learning to fly a plane *and* get a license. She proved it's not just men in positions of power or wealth that fly. Bryant showed Australia that women don't only have to be housewives and look after children day in and day out. That they can do other things, that they can fly planes, and they can do it by themselves. Millicent Bryant showed us that if you want something bad enough all you have to do is apply yourself.

# Melanie Martinez: CryBaby

by Baran Salamatbakhsh

***Picture, picture. Smile for the picture. Pose with your brother, won't you be a good sister? Everyone thinks that we're perfect. Please don't let them look through the curtains.***

Melanie Martinez (she/they) is a world-famous singer, songwriter, director, actress, and visual artist. She has released two albums and five EP's over the course of her (on-going) career. Melanie's singing profession kicked off during The Voice 2012, where she was mentored by Adam Levine and made it to the top 6 before being eliminated. Since then, they have gained a great extent of support from their fans.

**Crybaby.** Crybaby is Melanie Martinez's first released album. The individual songs are all about a different subject, but they all tie together to create a sweet but dark album. The music videos elaborate the album's plot and create a visual representation of each song. The Crybaby album is about a character (a young girl called Crybaby) with sensitive emotions. She is misunderstood and bullied for being fragile by her friends and family. Crybaby's mother is an alcoholic smoker who murdered her cheating husband early in Crybaby's childhood. Throughout the album, Crybaby experiences paedophilia, a toxic relationship, kidnapping, body image issues, and more.

**K-12.** K-12 is Melanie's second completed album. This album has a movie feature ("K-12" on YouTube) which, like Crybaby's music videos, creates a visual representation of the plot. K-12 is Crybaby's experience from kindergarten through to year 12, with each song acting as one year of school. Crybaby is the main character of this album/film. As she goes through her school life, she goes through judgement from her school mates (who represent society). The teachers are drug addicts, alcoholics, and/or paedophiles who don't understand their students. The principal is a transphobe who fires one of his staff members for being a trans woman. The school system and staff members control their students by forcing medication onto them in the form of pills so that they are brainwashed into never leaving the school, which benefits their income and profit. During the film, Crybaby and her friends find ways to escape the brainwashing, and eventually escape the school with everyone else.

Melanie Martinez creates music in which many people (mostly young adults) can relate to. They have taught us that no matter what you do, or how you look, society will always find a way to judge and criticize you. Therefore, there's no point in trying to live up to societal standards. Melanie Martinez is an LG(B)TQ+ icon who will always be known for creating dark and sugar-coated music with deep meanings and understandable backgrounds.



# Cavetown: Unmatched

by E. Valles

## *The mood was unmatched.*

The stage decked and covered in blankets and rugs.

A singer stood upon that stage, every single last grain of that music was captured and understood through the soft and sweet yet edgy and angsty tones.

These tones are beautifully composed and produced by British singer-songwriter Robin Daniel Skinner (he/they) AKA Cavetown.

His genre of music varies from indie-rock to soft guitar and ukulele ballads.

One man, 6 independent albums, several million streams, several million monthly listeners.

Robbie came out as transgender in September 2020 but even before then he has helped out the LGBTQ+ via his music.

Through his lyrics in songs such as “Dysphoric” and “This is home” Robin has created a connection to the aromantic and transgender (specifically FTM) communities. Through his lyrics Rob has provided hope for a lot of the trans-masculine youth with lyrics such as “I’ll hide my chest” and “what I am is what I’m not” mentioned in the songs listed earlier.

Despite controversy in the past due to their previous misinformation towards anti-Semitism and racism, Robbie has risen as a strong and more educated role model for many and has displayed this via his thread of apologies on the topics.

Robin has taught a lot of trans and gender-queer youth never to give up despite the obstacles that society seemingly throws at them every single day. His music offers a shoulder to rest on and they’re overall a life changer for many people around the globe.



# Adam Goodes: Australia's Dark Side

by John Tannock

**All it took was a 13 year old girl to create one of the biggest scandals in Australia's history.**

In May 2013 Adam Goodes was playing a great game for the Sydney Swans (Adam Goodes was an amazing player through his career he won 2 Brownlow medals and was deemed the best Aboriginal AFL player.) against Collingwood. In the final quarter Adam marked the ball and then kicked it. He was close to the boundary so he could hear all the crowd loud and clear. Then a loud dark voice struck Adam's ears. This voice was louder than 50,000 other voices. This voice was a 13 year old girl's voice. The girl called Adam an ape. Adam did not play the rest of the game.

One week after the incident Adam decided to fight against racism. He spoke up about how much damage it was causing the worlds and how he was going to stop it in Australia. Everything was going well for Adam until his next football match.

Every time Adam got the ball the crowd booed him. They called him every name possible. The boos didn't stop. Adam was purely hated because he was an aboriginal. As more games passed, he got booed more, he was hated more just because he was trying to fight against racism. He was mentally tortured, and he even said he had suicidal thoughts. For the whole of 2013 he was booed.

In 2014 Adam Goodes won Australia of the year for fighting against racism. Adam thought things could change. But they didn't everyone still booed him. He had to leave AFL for a while.

Adam Goodes came back to footy in 2015. The hate did not stop. All Adam tried to do was fight for what is right.

In Adam's last game he was booed until the final quarter. The final minute. The final second.



# Margaret Brown: Typical Brown Luck

by Felicity Thompson

***Margaret Brown, these days known as The Unsinkable Molly Brown, helped saved hundreds of lives onboard the RMS Titanic.***

Margaret Brown (née Tobin) was born on the 18th of July 1867. Margaret grew up to be one of eight siblings. This meant that Margaret was working from a young age to make money for her family. When Margaret was 18, she moved to a small mining town in Colorado with her sister and brother. After moving, Margaret established a soup kitchen for the miners and their families. This is when Margaret found her passion for helping others.

Soon after moving to Colorado Margaret fell in love and married the newly appointed superintendent of the mines, James Joseph ("J.J.") Brown. Shortly after getting married, the mines struck gold which brought financial security to the Browns. After this the Browns bought a large estate where they raised their two children Catherine and Lawrence. Later in 1909 Margaret and James filed for legal separation.

Jump a few years and Margaret was independently travelling through the bustling markets of Rome, the hot dry deserts of Egypt and the lively streets of Paris. A few days after arriving in Paris Margaret (known as Maggie to her friends) got news that one of her grandsons was very ill. Maggie quickly booked the first ticket she could find back to America. It happened to be on board the RMS Titanic...

Only a day after Maggie boarded, the unsinkable ship began to sink. Maggie quickly sprang into action helping women and children to board the few life boats the ship was equipped with. After helping many and refusing to get in a lifeboat herself Maggie was unwillingly thrown into lifeboat number six. As soon as lifeboat six was lowered into the deadly freezing water below, Maggie grabbed an oar and started rowing.

After hours in the open sea the Carpathia finally arrived. Maggie once again sprang into action and began helping people up the stiff rope ladder hanging from the side of the ship.

Maggie was cold and tired like all the other lucky survivors but that didn't stop her from helping. Maggie quickly started getting blankets and making cups of warm tea to give to the lucky survivors of the disaster.

By the time the Carpathia docked in New York City, Maggie had raised over ten thousand dollars for the survivors that has lost everything in the disaster and had worked to establish a Survivor's Committee. As Maggie walked off the Carpathia she said, "typical Brown luck". Later, Margaret received the French Legion of Honour Award for her bravery and selflessness.

After the Titanic Disaster Maggie did other incredible things with her life. She was a Red Cross Volunteer in WW1, she organised international women's conferences and was a feminist advocate. Maggie also ran for Congress before women even had a right to vote. We should all aspire to be as brave and generous as Maggie and be as modest and kind-hearted as her. Maggie was and still is a great inspiration and role model to many. All together Margaret lived an incredible life, full of adventure and bravery.



# Rosa Parks: NO

by Natasha Davidson

**“No.”**

“You have to move. It’s the Law.”

“I said NO”

“Miss, I am going to have to call the police if you don’t move **RIGHT NOW.**”

“I *told* you my thoughts. If you really wish to do that, you may. But I am staying *right here* whether you like it or not.”

“**Argh!**” The Driver stormed out of the bus to the nearest landline.

The lady? Well, she sat there waiting. She was tired. Not because of the long day of work or because of old age. No. Rosa Parks was simply tired; tired of giving in.

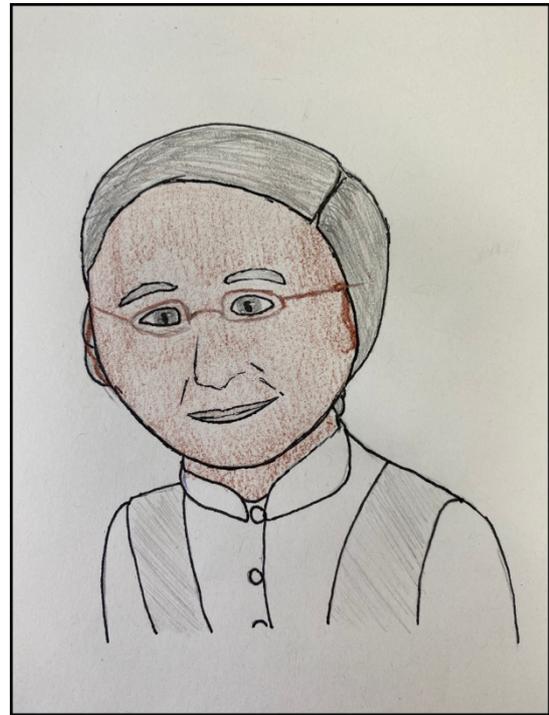
Rosa Parks was born on February the 4th with the name Rosa McCauley. She attended the Montgomery School for girls, and was given loads of academic vocational courses, but when she was in high school, she dropped out to outlook after her sick Mother and grandmother.

There is one main event Rosa is known for. She was working as a seamstress at the time. she was sitting on a bus, at the time segregation was still a big thing. The area for white people was filled up, so the marker for coloured people was moved to accommodate the white people. The law was like that, if there isn’t enough room to make white skinned bus travellers comfortable, you have to kick off the other people. But that all changed when James F Blake told her to get off and she said her most iconic words ever:

NO.

Although Rosa was not the first person to do this, it was a HUGE deal. She was arrested and fired from her job. As you could, guess, Rosa vowed to never associate herself with Blake again. But even with all those downsides, the National Association for the advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) saw her as the perfect person for their cause. With their help, 35 000 handbills were created to announce what would be known as the Montgomery Bus Boycott. This boycott lasted for just over a year and was very bad for bus business, because the main users of buses were not white people. Being one of the lead attackers in the NAACP, Rosa was able to work with very famous people, like Martin Luther King Jr. The world agreed with Rosa so much, that when she died, all the bus seats on the Montgomery buses had black ribbons tied around them.

Rosa’s work brought so many opportunities for her people but, there is still injustice and one-sided thinking in the world. But her work couldn’t have been for nothing because science then, humans have actually been thinking. We use our own heads, instead of following society like a herd of sheep. We’ve been considering identity, equality and individual rights. All of this simply because *one* incredible woman refused to get up from her seat. It’s times like these that you see how powerful the word NO can really be.



# Jennifer Lawrence: The Rise of Jennifer

by Lauren Marr

## **A** young girl stepped on set.

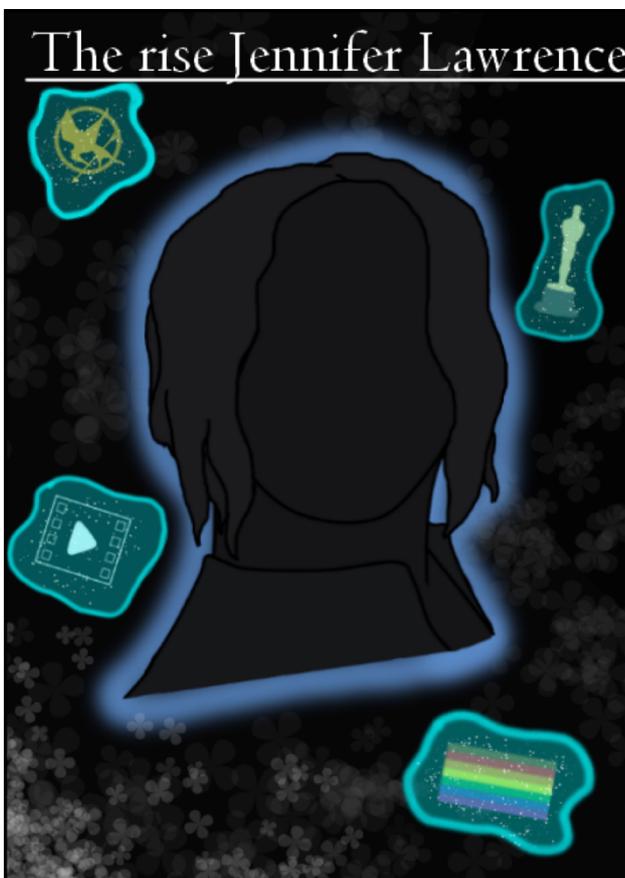
Silence following her awkward stance. Everyone around the girl at least twice her age, everyone staring down at her. But little did they know, this would be the start of the legend, Jennifer Lawrence's spectacular career.

In 1990, the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, the LGBTQ ally and Feminist, Jennifer Lawrence was born. Jennifer Lawrence grew up with two brothers and played on the boys' sports teams as her father was the coach for most teams and when Jennifer was much younger her mother made the excuse of Jen being too rough for girls her age.

Which is why it was all the more horrifying when Jennifer Lawrence had been sexually harassed and assaulted by Harvey Weinstein.

During an interview with CBS' "60 minutes" Jennifer Lawrence stated that "what he did is criminal and deplorable. And when it came out and I heard about it, I wanted to kill him. The way that he destroyed so many women's lives. I want to see him in jail." after she heard about what Harvey Weinstein had done to so many other women and after he bragged about sleeping with Jennifer to other actresses.

After these events Jennifer made it her goal to stand up for girls in her situation. A voice that everyone could not only hear but listen to and take action. To stand up for what's right.



As well as bring justice for all the women affected by sexual assault, harassment, rape and other despicable things done by the hands of men, Jennifer is taking action for Actors and Actresses to be paid and treated equally. Jennifer and multiple other actresses have come out saying that during some movies their male counter parts with smaller or the same level role in a movie would be paid more than them. But why focus on the negatives when Jennifer Lawrence has been the lead actress for multiple films such as "Red Sparrow" and "The Hunger Games." In 2013 she won an Oscar for the best actress in the film "The Silver Linings playbook." And Oscars aren't the only awards Jennifer has earned, with hundreds of smaller acting awards across all the movies she has starred in.

An active role model for Girls, Boys, Non-binaries and everyone in-between alike, Jennifer Lawrence has achieved hundreds of amazing things and is still going on to earn and win many, many more with a permanent place of fame.

# Barak Obama: Black in the White House

by Caden Shaffer

## ***It was the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 1961 at 7:24pm.***

The night was hot at the Kapiolani Medical Centre for Women and Children in Honolulu, Hawaii. The fast-beeping sound from the old heart monitor travelled across the hospital like a wave travelling to the shore. In room one hundred and two, a small baby entered the world. This baby was Barack Hussein Obama II.

A few weeks after Obama was born, he moved to Seattle with his mother where he lived until he was six years old. He then moved to Indonesia with his mother to meet up with his stepfather. He lived in Indonesia until he was ten years old, and then returned to Honolulu to live with his grandparents until he graduated from high school in 1979. Obama then went on to further his studies in Los Angeles and New York, and finally graduated from Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctor degree in 1991.

It's the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2007.

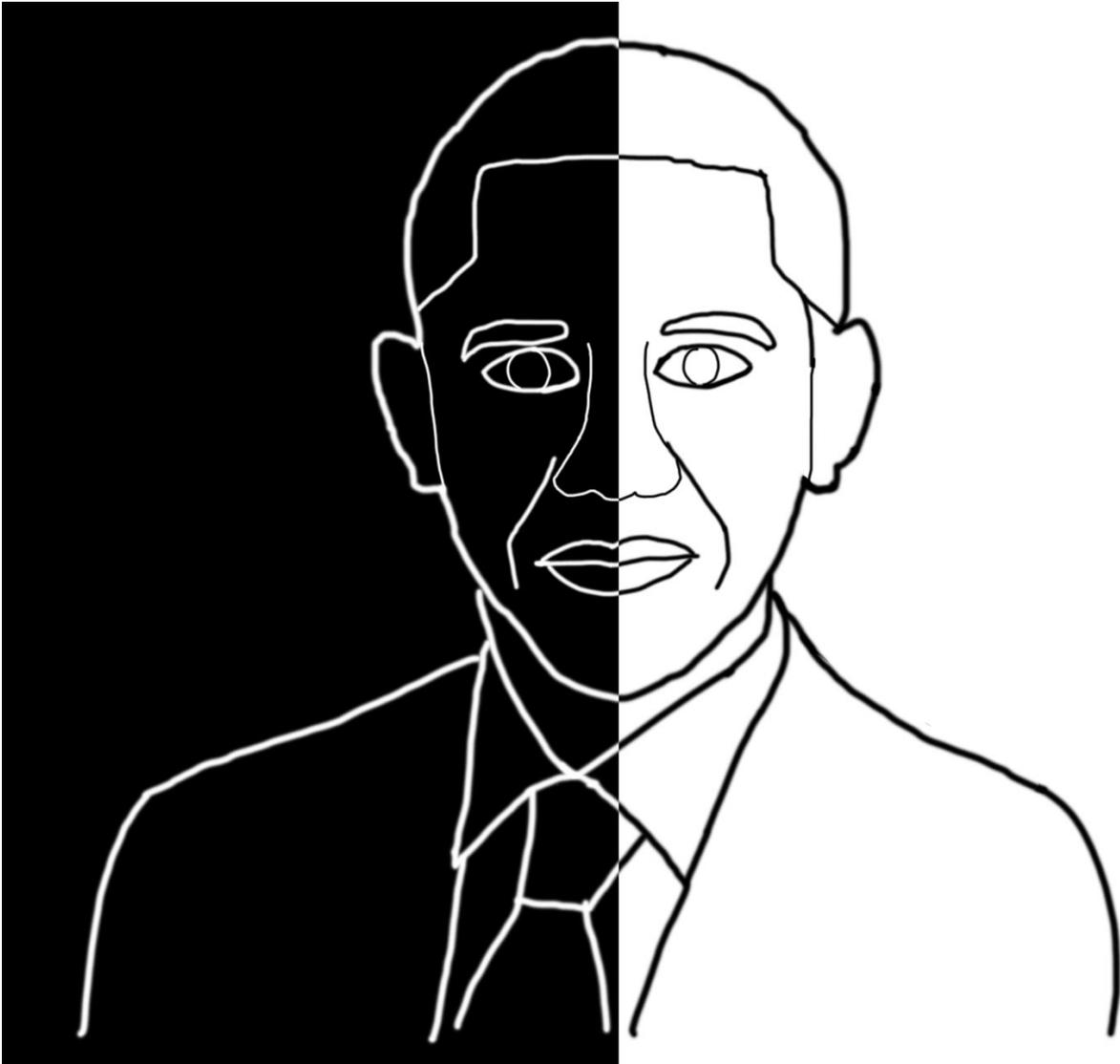
Obama nervously walked onto the black carpeted stage, which was littered with American flags, in front of the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois. He announced with a booming voice that he was going to run for President of the United States and promised to fix the many issues that previous presidents had failed to address. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2008 he won the election with 52.9% of the votes, and then on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2008 he was formally elected by the Electoral College as the 44th President of the United States. He made history by becoming the first elected African American President.

In Obama's first few days of office, he took the reins and started to make the changes he had promised to do in his election campaign. These included reforms in economic policy where he launched a \$787 billion stimulation package for the 2008 financial crisis. He introduced reforms in environmental policy and climate change. He also introduced huge reforms in health care by creating the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which also became known as Obamacare. Obama also ended the war in Iraq by withdrawing American soldiers from combat. Obama also ordered the capture and execution of the terrorist Osama Bin Laden on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2011.

His first term as President was a success, but would this be enough to win a second term?

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2011 Obama announced his re-election campaign, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 Obama won with 51.1% of the votes. In his second term of presidency Obama went on to achieve many other great things, making him considered one of the most notable presidents in American history. These achievements included legalising same-sex marriage in the United States, restricting gun laws by banning military-styled guns, introducing background checks on all gun sales, and introducing harsher penalties for illegal gun trafficking. He also ordered airstrikes on ISIS due to them committing many widespread massacres and ethnic cleansing.

There is no dispute that Obama was a well-regarded presidential figure both with his political peers and the American public. Obama's presidency of the United States will be remembered not only for his great achievements in Congress but also with him making history by being the very first elected President of colour. Black in the White House!



# David Attenborough: English Accent Please!

By Imogen Fourie

**Watch, as we observe the world's greatest nature documentary narrator!**

His name?

David Attenborough.

David Attenborough, born on the 8th of May 1926, first appeared on our screens in Zoo Quest, which was released on the 21st of December 1954.

This film was about the collection of specimens to go to the London Zoo.

Since then, he has written, produced or narrated over one hundred documentaries! His most notable include: A Life on Our Planet (2020), A Plastic Ocean (2020), Light on Earth (2016), Deep Blue (2003), and The 11th Hour (2007).

These documentaries are all about nature and the Earth, and how things affect them.

David Attenborough has received numerous awards, and has 32 honorary titles, more than any other person in the world!

At least 20 species of both flora and fauna, living and extinct have been named after him. Also, a species of Phytoplankton was named after Blue Planet (*Syracosphaera azureaplaneta*), to recognise his contribution to the understanding of the oceanic world.

David Attenborough is well known for his fabulous English accent - meaning his voice is one of the most recognisable in the world. His legacy is about how we view, interact, understand, and appreciate the beauty of the animal kingdom.



# Beyoncé Knowles: Queen Bey

by Ruby Whitehouse

***The crowd was cheering like their lives depended on it; the bright lights from peoples' phones were flowing side to side while facing the massive stage.***

Then, out from under the stage, arises the most successful Grammy female artist in history, an inspiration to her community and to kids all around the world, the 28 Award winner...

Beyoncé Knowles!

Born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 1981 in Houston was just a little innocent baby that was about to become a star.

Beyoncé started singing around 9 years old. She formed a singing and rapping group with her friends, and in 1992 (age 11) the group tried winning the Star Search talent show but sadly lost. Only 3 years later at age 14, her career was only just beginning. By their late teens, Destiny's Child was one of the most successful girl groups of all time, and Beyoncé wrote and produced most of their songs.

In 2002 (age 21), Beyoncé had her first solo recording in one of Jay Z's song. Beyoncé released this first solo song in 2003 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, "Crazy In Love". In 2008, "Single Ladies" was released and in 2010 that song was announced the Song of the Year!!

If we look at her family life, Beyoncé met Jay Z in 2000 and started properly dating in 2001. Sadly in 2010 Jay Z and Beyoncé tried having their first child but had a miscarriage. But in 2011 at the MTV MVA's Beyoncé announced she was pregnant! On January 7 2012, Blue Ivy was born. In 2016, there were "rumours" saying that Jay Z cheated on Beyoncé with Damon Dash's ex. But despite all the paparazzi and rumours, Beyoncé tried to fix things like adding new Instagram posts of their family, and it seemed to work. In 2017 she had her twins, Rumi and Sir, and their relationship seemed to be back on track.



Beyoncé Knowles is now 39 and a massive inspiration to her community and to pretty much everyone! She has definitely had some rough patches in her lifetime but has had some EXTRAORDINARY moments in her life as well – such as being the first black woman to headline Coachella, and also just recently, being the most awarded woman in GRAMMY HISTORY!

Beyoncé is an inspiration to all - she is tenacious, dedicated, creative and powerful. There is a reason why her nickname is Queen Bey!

# Billie Eilish: therefore she is.

by Ella Sedgewick

**I have seen tons of people** commenting mean and hateful things towards Billie Eilish, but I've also seen people who have told her online or in person that Billie has (literally) saved their life. Whether they were feeling unsafe, uncomfortable, stressed and tired, or even to a point where they felt that suicide was their only way out- they told Billie that they would simply just listen to her music, and they would just forget about everything for three minutes. We do not know how, but Billie's music gently projects a sense of a safe, calming vibe. But what is all the fuss about? Why does everyone love Billie and her music so much?

Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2001. An idol, a worldwide role model- an inspiration. Born into a family of singers, musicians, and actors, it was as if music was her destiny! Raised in Los Angeles, Billie was home schooled with her brother, Finneas. Once Billie turned eight, her parents signed her up to join the Los Angeles Children's Choir- which later came in handy, as the choir helped Billie to discover her vocals and vocal ranges which later would appear in her worldwide famous music.

Billie was only 13 years old at the time that her first single, Ocean Eyes, went totally viral overnight on SoundCloud. Ocean Eyes was originally written by her brother, Finneas, for his band- The Slightlys. Finneas later recognised that Billie's vocals would suit the song much better than a male band's vocals would. No offence, Slightys!

The Ocean Eyes music video later came out on YouTube, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2016. The music video now has 346 million views, as of the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. The first release of the Ocean Eyes song audio was posted on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

A few years ago, Billie talked about her experiences with suffering with social anxiety, anxiety, depression, and her Tourette's syndrome. She often talked about her experiences during interviews. Billie has always suffered from Tourette's and knows very well how to control them while she is either performing onstage or taking an interview.

Billie has won tons of awards along the time of her music career, including 7 Grammys, 2 American Music Awards, 2 MTV Europe Awards, one BRIT award, 3 MTV Video Music Awards, and an NRJ Music Award. She has even managed to earn TWO Guinness World Record Awards! Billie Eilish deserves every award that she earns, because she works extremely hard to change the way that people see music.

Billie has proved that big things can happen at any age. Remember how I told you about her only being 13 when she had kicked off her music career? All by making a song that was only meant to be heard by her dance teacher! Billie has created a massive impact on the music industry, especially in the pop section in the music industry. I hope this biography has helped you understand more about Billie and the way people see her!



# Martin Luther King Jr.: A Dream

by Esther Theodorus

***“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character.”***

Martin Junior said this in 1963, which was a time where discrimination against other races, specifically black citizens was common. King Junior knew that this couldn't be tolerated. That's how he knew he had to make a change.

King was born on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia U.S. He was the second of three children and was named

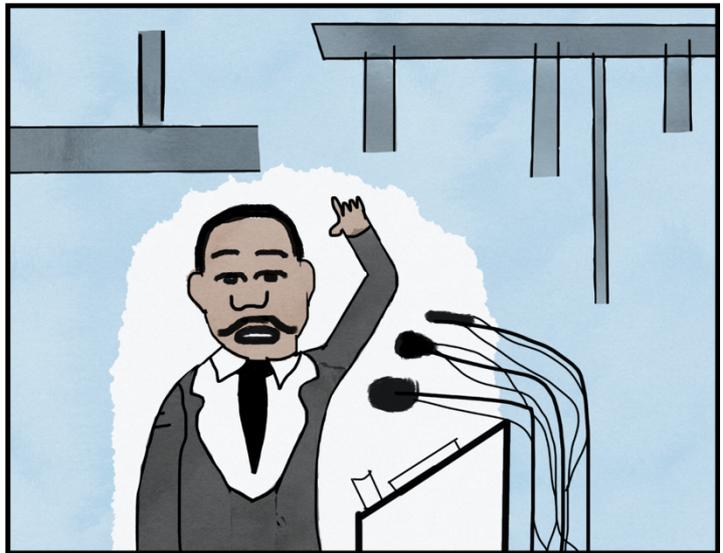
Michael after his father. Martin's childhood was a normal happy upbringing. He and his siblings insisted they were to learn and play the piano from their mum. But this family was schooled harshly on the reality of the racial segregation of the south. Martin's first job was a paper boy and he wanted to become a fire man when he grew up.

Before King was assonated, in 1968, king made many life changing accomplishments working to promote equal treatment to all races. From his followers and his true belief, he had the ability to make people live in peace. Kings made many accomplishments including providing leadership in the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955, instrumental in establishing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, writing a letter from Birmingham Jail and of course the famous 'I have a dream' speech.

Martin King Jr is known as a Baptist Minister and Social rights activist in the United States from 1950-1960. He was a leader of the American Civil Rights Movement and he organized a number of peaceful protests. His vision of equality and civil disobedience has changed the world for his children and other lives of African Americans throughout his time.

King Junior went to a lot of very educational schools such as Morehouse College, Crozer Theological Seminary and Boston University. He also won many awards such as the Nobel Prize in 1964, Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977, Congressional Gold Medal In 2004, was the first President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in office- since January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1957- April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1968.

Grievously, Martin King was shot while standing on a balcony outside his room at the Lorraine Hotel at 6:05 pm on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1968. As one shot was heard coming for another location he was then rushed to a hospital and died an hour later.



# George Floyd: I Can't Breathe

by Kaelan Haynes

## **May 25th, 2020.**

This was the day that George Floyd's life was taken away in a violent hate crime committed by an officer of the law.

George Perry Floyd was born on the 14th of October 1973. When he turned two, his parents divorced, resulting in his mother taking Floyd and his four siblings to the Cuny Homes public housing, a poor area in Houston which is alternatively known as "Bricks" by the residents; most of which were black. As a child, George was known as Perry, but he also went by Big Floyd due to his immense size (183 cm in middle school). During his education he played a lot of basketball and football, even getting into college on a football scholarship, although he transferred to a different university where he also played basketball before eventually dropping out.

Upon his return to Houston in 1995 George took on the stage name Big Floyd and performed in the hip-hop group 'Screwed Up Click'. His rapping was described as "purposeful" by the New York Times. From here onwards George Floyd's life took a turn for the worse, he served 8 jail terms between 1997 and 2005, all of which were minor charges involving drug possession, theft and trespassing.

In 2007, however, George had hit rock bottom.

He robbed a lady in her apartment at gunpoint and was arrested months after the incident.

This was a turning point for him, upon his release from prison five years later George became more involved with Resurrection Houston, a Christian church where he mentored young men and promoted anti-violence, using social media to upload videos about stopping violence and cruelty. George did a lot of charity work and helped others get over drug addictions as he had once had to do himself. In 2014 he moved to Minneapolis hoping it would save his life, not knowing that he would face his death here in the following years. George slowly rebuilt his life, getting jobs as a security guard at multiple clubs, but in 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic hit America, causing the club he worked at to shut down.

George had been battling drug and alcohol addiction almost his entire life, transitioning between periods of use and sobriety; described as a "gentle giant" by his family, George Floyd was a kind man led down the wrong path in life. On May 25th, for 8 minutes and 46 seconds police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on George's neck when called to a grocery store after George allegedly handed a \$20 counterfeit bill to the cashier. Derek and the other officers on the scene called for medical assistance once George had become motionless, but he could not be saved.

His life was one lived by a million others, but his death was uniquely cruel and unfair, causing a turn of the tide in the war against racism. People all over the world stepped into the spotlight and spoke out in an attempt to end violence against minorities. Like a phoenix rising from its ashes, the Black Lives Matter movement became worldwide after the murder of George Floyd, spreading awareness about discrimination and encouraging others to tell their story.



# Nikola Tesla: The Tortured Life of Tesla

by Oliver Benetatos

## ***Nikola Tesla was the forgotten genius of his time.***

A man who could have had a billion-dollar fortune, yet died alone, bankrupt and on the brink of insanity.

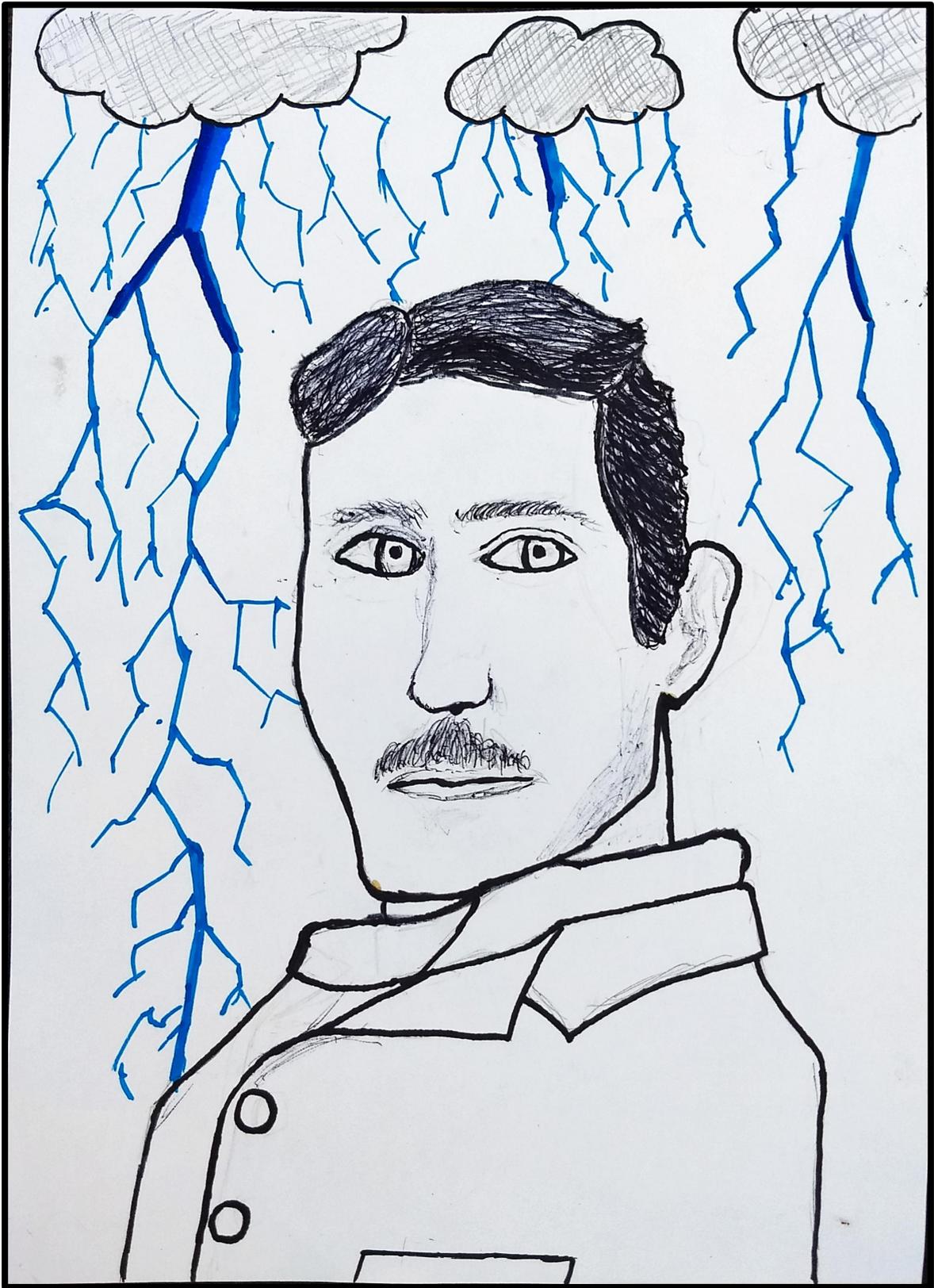
July 10, 1856, a fierce lightning storm rages throughout Smiljan, Croatia and in a small white house, the birth of the electrical mastermind takes place. The midwife declared the storm to be a sign of darkness to which Tesla's mother replied, "No, he will be a child of light." Tesla had big dreams at a young age. He once saw an image of Niagara Falls and announced to his uncle that he would one day turn it into an energy source to provide for cities and guess what... eventually he did.

After a crippling gambling addiction and travelling around Europe, Tesla landed a job in America as an assistant to Thomas Edison, but the two had very different values. Edison was a bitter person driven by money, fame and power while Tesla simply wanted to change the world. The separation of the two was inevitable. Edison once stated that he would give \$50,000 to anyone who could improve on his direct current (DC) invention. Within months Tesla showed Edison what would become his greatest invention, an alternating current (AC) induction motor, now the modern way to supply electricity. When Edison saw this he responded, "Tesla, you don't understand our American humour." Tesla quit that very same day.

In 1888, after a failed attempt at starting the brand-new Tesla Electric company, Tesla was noticed by entrepreneur George Westinghouse. Westinghouse purchased Tesla's 7 patents for the AC motor for \$60,000 (USD \$1.7 million in 2021) and hired Tesla to improve and modify the AC motor for \$2000 (USD\$58,000) a month and \$2.50 (USD\$72) per motor built. But then the "war of the currents" began. Edison wouldn't lose his DC cash cow without a fight, so he did every rancorous thing he could to dishonour Tesla and Westinghouse, but despite his efforts tremendous things were happening at Westinghouse Electric. Tesla and Westinghouse won the war by building the world's first AC power plant in Niagara Falls which powered Buffalo, New York. Although this did not come without cost. Westinghouse Electric was running out of money and \$10 million in debt. So, in a desperate attempt to save his company, George Westinghouse begged Tesla to reduce his royalties. Tesla was so compelled by benevolence to his friend that he tore his contract up on the spot. He was so appreciative of Westinghouse that he voluntarily walked away from a \$12 million dollar fortune (over \$300 million)! In return Westinghouse gave Tesla \$216 thousand (USD\$6 million) and all rights to the AC patents. The two had finally recovered from the current wars.

Tesla was now financially independent and able to set up a fully functioning laboratory, but sadly not for long. Tesla's genius thrived but in 1895 while was setting up to send the first ever radio waves, disaster struck. A tragic fire destroyed Tesla's lab and everything in it. He had lost years of research. All gone. This was turning point in Tesla's life that launched him into a downward spiral for years. In 1904 an Italian entrepreneur named Guglielmo Marconi was awarded the patent rights to the invention of the radio and went on to win the Nobel Prize for physics in 1911. Tesla was infuriated and over the next 30 years his mental health deteriorated. He spent his last decade living in a hotel paid by none other than George Westinghouse and died penniless at the age of 86 on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1943.

Nikola Tesla was a man who went through so much pain throughout his life, even witnessing his own brother die at the age of 12. But things like this did not stop him from achieving his one lifelong goal, changing the world. So, when you charge your phone, turn on a light or use your refrigerator, you have Nikola Tesla to thank for that.



# Marilyn Monroe: Death-defying Difference

by Sophia Watkins

## ***Ripped from Mum's arms at 12 days old...***

Sexually assaulted at 11...

Dead at 36.

This is the story of Marilyn Monroe.

As a child, Marilyn Monroe was brought up in foster homes because her mother had schizophrenia, so Marilyn's mother didn't have the facilities to take care of her. Gladys Pearl Baker, {her mother} paid a Christian family to take care of her up until she was seven, when she went back into foster homes. She was younger than 10 when she first got sexually assaulted. *It wasn't just once either.*

Marilyn was seen as a sex image way before she got in front of the camera. Unfortunately, due to these experiences, she dropped out of school at 15 to have a life with her high school sweetheart. 'James' was his name.



Marilyn and James got married in 1942, just after her 16th birthday. Later James joined the Marines in 1944 and Monroe was just a simple 'housewife' for a time. But two years later the couple split, while they were still miles apart. However, that's when Marilyn's career really started to take off.

"Take two she said"...Yes, again. To a very tall, handsome, retired baseball player, named: 'Joe DiMaggio'. The couple were very happy together, but Joe was a very opinionated man. He hated Marilyn's sexy image. So, not even after a year of marriage, they divorced. {They were still very close and Joe, after she died, would send flowers to her grave every week until he died.}

Not much long after {2 years}, on June 29th, 1956, she got married *again* to playwright Arthur Miller at a County Courthouse in nearby White Plains. The wedding lasted a whole 4 minutes!! This was her longest marriage yet, and it lasted 5 years, but in the end he had enough of the actress, and they divorced on the 20th of January 1961. Ever since she was a child, Marilyn had been used, lied to, chewed up and spat out by men. Then, Marilyn Monroe died from a drug overdose. They never found out if it was a suicide or a murder...it could have just been an accident. It was very confusing, because in some ways in the August before she was trying to pull her life together -she had just bought her first house! Only to later be found dead inside. But, despite her tragic death, the difference Marilyn Monroe made was incredible. Marilyn's story isn't so much about her life but the impacts she made after. Hollywood was so devastated... but all they cared about was the sexy icon that was used for her body. When Marilyn died not only then but now, people acknowledge that she wasn't treated right and still to this day they aren't! We still hound young actresses and singers- the media still says women have to be sexy and show off their bodies. It's no wonder Monroe became addicted to drugs.

Monroe was an incredible artist. And a light snuffed out before her time. Her legacy reminds us to fight sexism in our world- so we can see beyond a body, beyond a pretty face- and find the real person inside.

# Princess Diana: The Crash that Silenced the World

by Tallinn Collard

***It was a cold, dark and gloomy night.*** The city lights of Paris glowed like a thousand fireflies... suddenly, off in the distance, smoke is seen rising, then a cry "My god, what's happened?" The world was silenced by four words... these four words were the last words ever spoken by Diana, princess of Wales, a legend, a role model, and a loving mother of two.

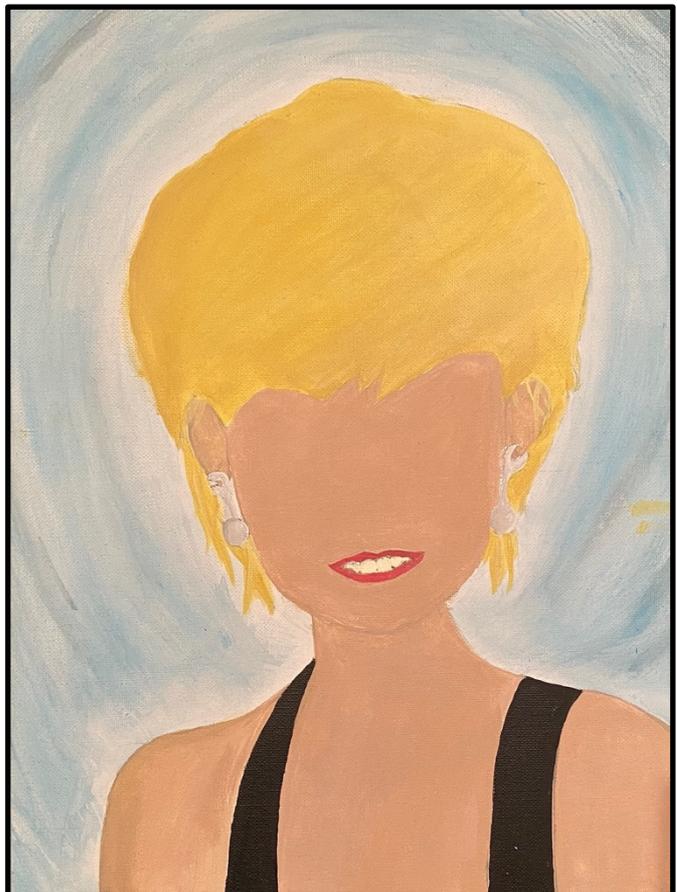
In the early hours of the 31st of August Princess Diana's duty as a mother torn away from the life changing accident. She had two little boys, William, and Harry. They loved their mother and Diana gave them all the love they could get. Diana was known for being very protective of her kids. She loved them so much that she even broke royal rules for them such as when she raced in her sons' "mother day" race and won!

Now let us get to the not so exiting parts of her life. Diana, Princess of Wales was born Diana Frances Spencer on the 1st of July 1961 in Sandringham, Norfolk, she had 4 other siblings. Her parents later divorced when Diana was a child, they then all stayed with their father. When her father succeeded to the earldom in 1975, she was renamed Lady Diana Spencer. Only 2 years later Diana met her soon to be husband at the age of sixteen when Prince Charles was 29!

In 1981, Diana married Prince Charles at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, it was a globally televised event. The wedding was a day to remember and it cost around 135 million dollars, in fact it was one of the most expensive royal weddings in history. On top of everything Diana had an extraordinary dress with a train that was 25 feet! (7.68 meters), her dress was designed by David and Elizabeth Emanuel, a wife and husband duo.

Diana was known most for her charity work she did in Angola for landmines, after a trip Angola, in 1997, Diana became anti-landmine activists' most well-known advocate. Diana's dedication to the mine removal work captivated the public's attention, and years after she began her campaign, public support for the cause still remains high.

Diana has been known as the "People's Princess," a woman of complexity who was born into riches but had a "common touch"; a woman who not only struggled with her self-image but was a fashion icon; a woman who craved publicity but also remained at hospitals and other charitable sites long after the press had left. She was the most incredible woman around and definitely deserved the world, like she always said, "*Only do what your heart tells you.*" - Diana Princess of Wales.



# Emma Watson: Beauty of the Beast

by Emily Hurst

**A flood of applause spreads across the Museum of Modern Art as she steps up onto the podium.** She clutches her notes with a firm grip and rustles them slightly as she raises her eyes to the crowd.

*“It is time that we see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals...”*

Born on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1990 in Paris and raised in Oxfordshire, she lived in Maison-Laffite near Paris until age five. Her parents divorced when she was young, and Watson moved to England to live with her mother in Oxfordshire while spending weekends at her father’s house in London. After moving with her mother and brother she attended the Dragon School staying there until 2005.

Emma got her big break as a child with ‘Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone’, growing up on screen as she reprised her role of Hermione Granger through the series of the eight films! This made her a household name (well, with young children anyway!) And as she grew, so did her audience – so we feel as though we have grown up with her!

Emma went on to enjoy success in the fashion and modelling industries and continued to prove her abilities as an actress with roles in films like ‘My week with Marilyn’, ‘The Perks of being a Wallflower’, ‘Beauty and the Beast’ and ‘Little Women’.

Another one of Emma’s famous breaks is when she starred in the film ‘Ballet Shoes’; she plays the character ‘Pauline Fossil’ and acts along with Richard Griffiths and Gemma Jones who also plays a character in the film ‘Harry Potter’.

Emma is an advocate and ambassador of United Nations **HeForShe** campaign - Emma promotes that men and boys also need to be involved in the movement for gender equality, against the traditional outlook that is a ‘movement by women for women’.

Her exceptional work as a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador and her keynote speech on gender equality in 2014 made stellar records on the internet for most views and shares. Her legendary speech broke the internet and set greater records of popularity. Her earnest, fluent and extremely convincing argument for upholding women’s rights made everyone sit up and listen.

Emma is a beautiful young lady who we should all aspire to be like. Emma has taught us to be brave and courageous and to express how we feel about certain things, and that we shouldn’t be afraid to say something, or to speak up. Emma has confidence and a passionate belief for women empowerment, and this is what make US want to become a voice for change.



# Greta Thunberg: The Child of Strength

by Ginger Archer

**‘You are failing us** but the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you chose to fail us, I say: we will never forgive you’. This was Greta Thunberg’s first speech. This was also the great start to her activist career.

Greta Thunberg is an 18 year old environmental activist. She has travelled the world to pursue her career by delivering speeches to world leaders. Despite her young age, Greta Thunberg is internationally known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action into stopping climate change. Greta Thunberg first heard about climate change when she was 8. Ever since then she has shared her interest and opinions about it. What I admire most about Greta is that she is not afraid to speak up and stand for what she believes in.



Seeking to make a greater impact on the world, Greta attempted to persuade legislators into addressing climate change.

For almost 3 weeks Greta Thunberg missed school to sit outside the countries parliament with a sign that read... school strike for climate. She was alone on the strike on the first day, however every day more and more people joined her. On the last day of her school strike, 2200 people had joined her. The event had gone worldwide! Greta Thunberg received numerous invitations to speak about climate change. She gave speeches at the world economic forum, the European parliament as well as in the legislatures of Italy.

However, Greta’s career hasn’t been easy. In 2018 during her climate school strike Greta Thunberg got a lot of hate from everyone; this hate varied from presidents and world leaders to school teachers. However, she didn’t let their hurtful comments get to her. This shows what I think is a crucial characteristic in a leader. Strength.

Greta Thunberg is now a world known environmentalist. Greta is incredibly strong. She should be an inspiration to everyone. Why? Because she is strong, hardworking, has courage and is determined to make change for this beautiful world, we call home. She has stepped up to leaders and spoken against them. To be 18 and do that, I think that deserves some attention, don’t you?

# JoJo Siwa: JoJo with a BowBow!

by Sasha Rankin

***“I’m the happiest I’ve ever been, and that’s what matters.”***

Dancer, singer, actress and social media star, who has earned over 12 million followers. Known for big bows, being bright, loud and colourful, her clothes are always carefully decorated with rhinestones and glitter. Always having her hair slicked back in a high-side ponytail, topped off with a sparkly bow. Her personality really matches her daily attire. Although JoJo has received lots of hate for her childish personality and clothing, she continues to wear and act the way she wants. Siwa first got big after being a star on the hit dance series ‘Dance Moms’. Siwa started dancing before she could say her own name.

JoJo’s full name is Joelle Joanie Siwa. She was born in Omaha on the 9th of March 2003. Her mother, Jessalyn Siwa; owns a dance studio in Omaha. Her father’s name is Tom and her older brother’s name is Jayden. JoJo became a part of the Dance Moms cast in 2015, Jessalyn frequently clashing with Abby Lee Miller, the owner of the Abby Lee Dance Company, which was the studio the girls danced out throughout the season. She became a hit after she posted her first video on her YouTube, also in 2015, titling it ‘Q&A with JoJo Siwa’, which soon gained popularity. She now has 12.2 million subscribers on YouTube. Her target audience is children between the age of 6-11, so she signed a deal with Nickelodeon for that exact reason. She then signed a clothing brand deal with ‘JNRNATION’, her clothing being very popular in Target and other department stores.

On January 21, JoJo Siwa posted a TikTok of her lip syncing to the song ‘Born This Way’ by Lady Gaga, singing the words, “No matter gay, straight or bi, lesbian, transgender life, I’m on the right track baby, I was born to survive”. Later revealing that she has a girlfriend, Kylie. Of course, JoJo knew that she would receive backlash from ‘concerned’ parents, but she followed through, and did it anyways, showing younger kids, and now closeted teenagers that, “It’s your normal. It’s okay to be a little different, it’s okay to be a little weird, it’s okay to be a little strange!”.



# Millie Bobby Brown: The Upside of Millie

by Maya Manja

## ***Shaved hair, nosebleeds and supernatural powers.***

A slightly younger than teenage girl walks into the space. As soon as she steps the lights flood the room. Her eyes filled with thousands of indescribable emotions. Masking her face was a shocked look as she awaited the 'Action' cue.

The exceptional child actress and model Millie Bobby Brown was born in Marbella Spain on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 making her 17 years old. First known for her performance as Madison O'Donnell in the 2014 mystery series 'Intruders' and making small appearances on 'Modern Family' and 'Grey's Anatomy' later in 2015. She however got famous for her outstanding performance as Eleven on the hit Netflix series 'Stranger Things'. Later she gained fair amount of notability for playing the lead character in the block buster film 'Godzilla- King of The Monsters' and more recently as the title character in the 2020 film 'Enola Holmes'.

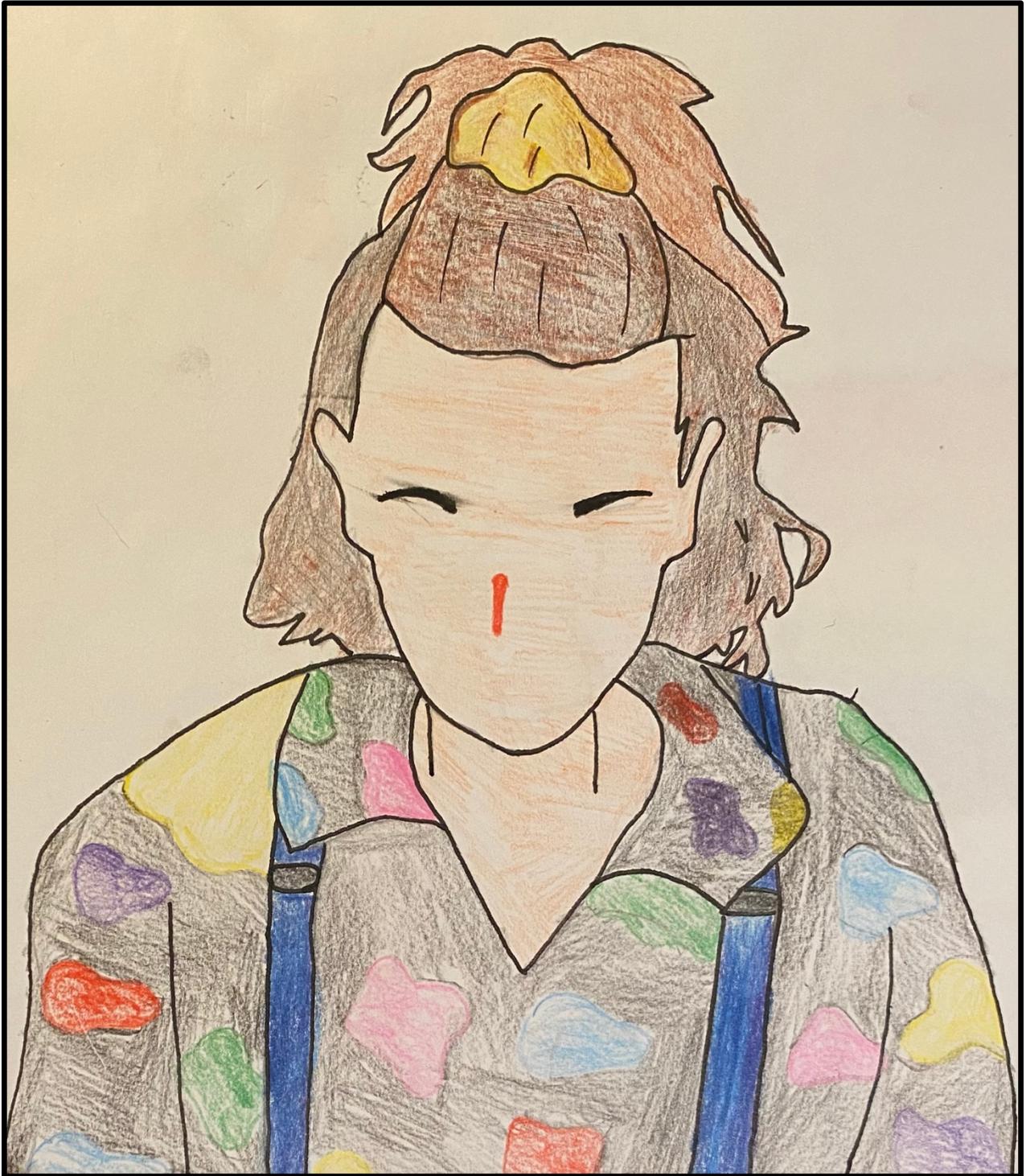
Before her fame Millie attended acting workshops on Saturdays. One day a Hollywood acting coach announces to Millie's parents that "she has talent you cannot teach" and told them that Millie would be better off in Hollywood with all the best child actors. Millie's parents were shocked at the news but immediately decided to move straight from Orlando all the way to Los Angeles. Within a week she began meeting with all the best child acting agencies and after three months was offered a role as Alice in 'Once Upon A Time In Wonderland' (2013) a spin off version of the 2011 film 'Once Upon A Time.'

Other than acting Millie has started a makeup and skincare brand called *Florence by Mills* and has featured in *Maroon 5's Girls Like You* music video. She has also claimed to enjoy boxing and is working on a collaboration with Converse.

Perhaps what makes Millie Bobby Brown a role model is the fact that she became one of UNICEF's youngest ambassadors at just 11 years old and uses her platform to spread awareness on issues that affect children in today's modern society such as lack of education, violence, poverty and bullying. "It's a dream come true to become a UNICEF Ambassador," said Brown. "It's a huge honor to join such an impressive list of people who have supported UNICEF over the years. I am looking forward to meeting as many children and young people as I can, hearing their stories, and speaking out on their behalf." Before joining UNICEF, Millie helped to co-host the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. In Jan. 2019, Millie travelled to visit the global supply headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark. There, she assisted in assembling early childhood development kits, which offer children in disastrous and contentious areas and living conditions a way to play and learn. The kits include art supplies, puzzles, games, books and puppets, and are given to caregivers helping in these areas. The kits are designed to be utilized by up to 50 children who are experiencing trauma and stress and assist in creating a safe learning environment for them.

Brown also toured UNICEF's supply and kit packing warehouse, the largest humanitarian warehouse in the world. Hundreds of necessities such as clothing and school supplies are sent from the warehouse every day to children and families in need around the world.

For the future, Millie can be expected to continue her acting career and continue to use her platform as an ambassador for UNICEF to meet with as many children as she can, hear their stories and advocate and speak out on their behalf.



# Taylor Swift: Miss Americana

by Piper Ducie

## **Standing alone in the limelight** of the stage was a

young 17-year-old girl performing her debut single 'Tim McGraw'. With every guitar strum she amplified the atmosphere of the room, this girl was Taylor Alison Swift, woman of the decade, artist of the decade, 11-time Grammy winner and feminist icon, and her world was about to change...



Taylor was sitting at the edge of her seat nervously pulling at her clothes trying to look busy. It was the 2014 Grammys and Taylor was nominated for album of the year for her chart-topping album 'Red'. "and the Grammy goes to... Random Access Memories by Daft Punk!" Taylor was destroyed, the album she put so much laborious effort into was cast aside and labelled as second place. Taylor did what she did best, and what women in the public eye have to do. She re-invented herself from 'another country artist' to a 'pop princess'. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Taylor released her revolutionary album 1989. 1989 accomplished milestones that other artists couldn't dream of achieving. Taylor was a musical powerhouse and as some had said, she was THE music industry. There was nothing in her path, she was unstoppable, or so she thought...

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Kanye released his song 'Famous', just 2 weeks after Taylor won album of the year at the 2016 Grammys for her record-breaking album 1989. Famous was a song that was fuelled by Kanye and Taylor's previous feud. In this song Kanye claimed he 'made that b\*tch (Taylor) famous. Kanye said many derogatory things about Taylor in this song. Taylor's fanbase was disgusted and relentlessly attacked Kanye for these comments. Soon after, Taylor and her team commented on the situation saying that Taylor had never given permission for Kanye to write these slanderous comments about her into his song. Kim Kardashian soon after, released an edited video of Taylor Swift saying that she approved of all the things Kanye had said in his song. The world was torn, and Taylor's fans were left conflicted. Taylor had tried to share her side of the story, but the world had already made up their mind about her.

The world cast Taylor away and sent her into hiding, never to be seen by the public eye again. There was no explanation, there was only shards left of her shattered reputation. Over a year later Taylor became active on social media again, and Taylor came back stronger than a 90s trend. Her comeback album astounded critics, broke record and exceeded expectations. Reputation sold 4.5 million copies and is one of her most successful albums to date.

Taylor's drama was not yet over, in early 2019 Big Machine Records announced that they had sold Taylor's entire music discography for 400 million dollars to Scooter Braun, a man who had previously tried to dismantle Taylor's career. Taylor was distraught and spoke up instead of letting these men play her like a puppet. She negotiated with Scooter and announced that she would begin re-recording her musical catalogue in late 2020.

Taylor has had to grow up and evolve in the public eye, she has grown as a person and an artist. Taylor has spent her career fighting for equality whether it be the LGBTQIA+ community, the POC community or women's rights. Taylor is not perfect, she has made mistakes, but she has always come back stronger than a 90s trend.

# Emmeline Pankhurst: A Women's War

by Ash Lane

**The old jail bars close** in on me like a shrinking box as the stale, moldy bread slips through the food hole.

I refuse it.

Hunger ebbs away at the back of my stomach and I feel it turn into a beast. The guards eventually let me out into the fresh riots of today, time to start again.

Welcome to 1909...

Emmeline Pankhurst was born on the 14 of July in 1858, Manchester, UK, into a middle-class family as the eldest of 10 children. She grew up in a politically active family with both parents' abolitionists and very supportive of suffrage. It would make sense that they would see their children evenly would it? But they still prioritized their son's education over their daughters' and that lit something up inside Emmeline that could not be dulled.

Emmeline founded the women's-only group (The Women's Social and Political Union: WSPU) in 1903 with a goal of getting women the right to vote. When the protest first started the WSPU's acts were considered militancy even though they were only buttonholing politicians and holding rallies. Many women still got arrested for this 'savage behavior' and being part of the acts. Pankhurst saw her first prison sentence in 1909 for throwing a stone into the Prime Minister's residence and smashing one of his windows: she served this sentence for nine months.

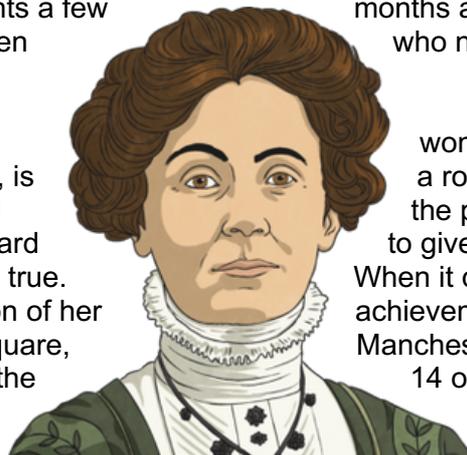
Using a hunger strike to get out of prison earlier Emmeline came back, only to find that there had been no process and it was the same riots as it was when she went to jail. Annoyed by this, Emmeline devised a plan, later in 1909, for the WSPU to help pass the bill for women's suffrage. When the bill failed to advance the WSPU was furious and riots escalated: they started to vandalize public art, set fire to things and smash windows. Pankhurst was taking every opportunity that she could, so, when she heard that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was being built, she set up an explosive in the framework (no-one was harmed) receiving a three-year sentence (she was imprisoned several more times before women got rights).

Later, when World War 1 was happening in 1914 Emmeline called a halt to all riots and got the women to work in the factories while the men were away with the hope that the government would see how women could work in stereotypically jobs for men and could do the work as well. Grudgingly the government had no choice but to agree with their arguments and they granted them limited rights in 1918 and a bill was passed that women could be elected to parliament. Pankhurst was very pleased with the outcome and became part of the conservative party. She even ran for a seat in parliament and all was going well until ill health brought her down on the 14 of July 1928, she was 70.

Women received full voting rights a few  
Emmeline Pankhurst, the women  
come true...

months after her death...  
who never got to see her dream

Emmeline was an admirable aggressive and rebellious front, is everywhere. Pankhurst cleared easier to live. She worked so hard to see her lifelong dream come true. her death in 1928. In recognition of her statue was built in St Peters Square, of the statue) was unveiled on the standing on a chair lecturing suffragettes.



woman who was forced to show an a role model to everyone, the path for us and made it so much to give women rights and was waiting When it did, it was a few months after achievements many years ago, a bronze Manchester. Rise up Women (the name 14 of December 2018 and is of her what would've been the

# Authors...

Baran is the favourite child. She is also the only child.

Ella's style is extra swag. #pogthroughthepain

Oliver is currently being held captive in a Mexican war prison.

Natasha is the sweetest of them all.

Ava is cool, so good, she is the favourite child and always will be.

Kaelan is very popular with the ladies.

Sophia loves to dance and looks like a galloping horse according to Mia. Also, don't call her Sophie.

Lauren is a random child who never outgrew the pony phase. L'manburg strong.

Emily has been dancing since she was three years old, and is inspired by strong, powerful women in popular culture. The bags under her eyes are Chanel.

Tallinn is the swaggiest of swags, and also enjoys pina coladas and getting caught in the rain. Non-alcoholic! She is only 12.

Ash is a non-binary gremlin of noise who listens to Girl in Red and enjoys anime and manga.

Mia loves karate. But don't ask her about films about karate. She does *not* like that.

Felicity is a dancer who has a strong sense of equality, justice and freedom.

Piper has been a Swiftie since she was 3 years old, and truly believes that Harry Styles and Taylor Swift belong together, and spends her days researching whether this will come true.

Sasha believes God is a woman. And it's her.

E is a creature of mystery.

Maya has the best style and music taste of all thirteen-year-olds and has an ever increasing obsession with frogs. L'manburg strong.

Imogen lives in a land far, far away, and travels an hour every day just to see her teachers. Amen.

Ruby does not know what her biography is.

Melissa has a serious case of RBF. Periodt.

June is addicted to both food and Korean TV shows. They get her through the day.

Sarah has been bossing people around since kindergarten. She likes to boss her friends ...and also not just her friends. Everyone else too. Sarah fully admits this is highly annoying. But she probably won't stop.

Ginger is me, myself and I. Single ride until I die.

Esther is the one with the best drip ever in the world and is the chilliest iced out gangster out there. So watch me and remember that you are amazing shiiii

Caden is a severe gamer. He's probably playing a game right now. It's amazing he had time to write this biography.

John is. That's it.



