



ELVIS PRESLEY

INTRODUCTION

Elvis Aaron Presley (the king of rock and roll).

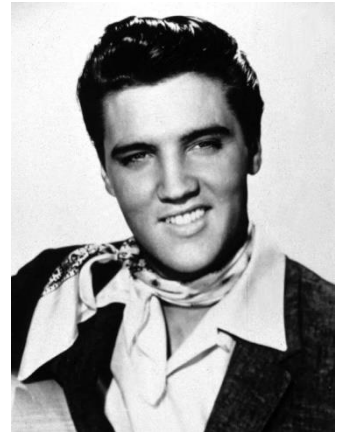
American singer and actor.

He was born 8th January 1935.

He died 16th August 1977.

Born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Died in Memphis, Tennessee.



CHILDHOOD

Born to Vernon Elvis Presley and Gladys Love Presley, Elvis Presley had an older twin brother (Jesse Garon) who was born 25 minutes earlier than him. In September 1941, he started school East Tupelo Consolidated where his teachers graded him as 'average'. His dad was put in jail for 8 months after being accused of altering a cheque. This was upsetting as he had a close bond with his parents- although mostly with his mother. Presley nicknamed his mother Satnin which he also gave to 2 other girls. At the age of 13, he moved to Memphis, Tennessee.

CAREER

In August 1953, he went to record a two-sided disc at Sun Records. He intended for the disk to be for his mum for her birthday. In an interview he was asked the question, "Who do you sound like?" and he would frequently reply that he did not sound like anyone. One of his friends Ronnie Smith told Presley that he should contact Eddie Bond, who was leader of a band that Ronnie was also in. Elvis had many famous songs: Jailhouse Rock, All Shook Up, A Little Less Conversation, Suspicious Minds, Hound Dog.

MILITARY CAREER

On March 24th 1958, Elvis joined the U.S military. Many people, accompanied him there, including photographers and hundreds of others. When he stepped out of the bus, he announced that he didn't want to be treated any differently to an ordinary soldier, and that the army could do whatever they wanted with him. On October 1st, he joined the Armoured Division in Friedburg Germany. Here, he was introduced to karate, which he trained for very seriously with Jürgen Seytel. This became a life-long interest, which was included in live performances.

LEGACY

Around the globe, his name, voice, and music will never be forgotten. He is often called by many, 'The King of Rock and Roll,' or more commonly, 'The King.' He is recognised as one of the most important music artists and remains the best-selling solo artist of all time. Also, he earned himself a star on the Hollywood walk of fame. His twenty-five multi-platinum albums are second behind The Beatles.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What was Elvis Presley's brother called?
2. Which member of his family did he have a particularly close bond with?
3. Name an Elvis Presley song.
4. Where did he move to at the age of 13?
5. Where did he record a two-sided disk in 1953?