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*“Never complain
never explain.”*

Queen Elizabeth II

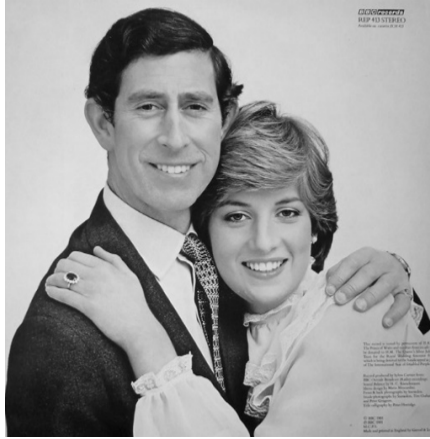
A glimpse to the past



Twenty-three years ago, Diana, Prince Charles' first wife, died in a car crash in the Alma tunnel in Paris, between thirty and thirty first of August.

All these years spent without her have created a myth of this young woman who loved her children, her husband and was a little rebel towards the old rules of Buckingham Palace. Nobody has forgotten her and her simplicity towards people. When she died, thousands of flowers and posts surrounded Buckingham Palace and people went there to mourn her. She was called the people's princess.

Their love story started in 1970 but only a few people know that Charles did not want to marry her; he was obliged by his father because she was aristocratic, beautiful and above all pure.



Their marriage was difficult, and Diana suffered from bulimia and anorexia.

In an interview Diana said: “it was a relationship among three: my husband, Camilla and I”.

When there was the funeral in London her sons had to walk behind her mother’s coffin without crying and that was really difficult for them but, you know, Royal people must not show their feelings in public, even if you are simply a child.



When her sons grew up, they revealed to the world in an interview that they suffered a lot to live without their mum and that they were helped by a psychologist.



Their grandma, The Queen, took care of them, but she didn't pardon Diana for her behaviour.

After the news of her death, the Prime Minister asked the Queen to make a speech on TV but she didn't. On the day of her funeral, she made a simple bow with her head and that was all.

She had carried the young brothers to Scotland to be far away from the press and paparazzi.

Growing up, William and Harry have always shown a great respect for their mother but also for the Queen.

The Queen is very old; she is 95 this year but she will reign until her death. In fact, during her coronation, she said:

"I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation – to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making".

Camilla was praised by the Queen for her serious behaviour during these years without scandals; that's the reason why the Queen will allow her to assume the title of Princess Consort when Charles becomes King.

Of Diana we'll always have the memory of a brave woman who wanted to live her life with her husband and sons; she didn't know that her husband had a secret lover. From that moment she changed and started to have lovers. But we'll never know how she would have behaved if she had become Queen. Probably she would have continued her job to help people in need and would have been a great grandmother.

UP TO YOU

Choose a member of the Royal family and make a description of him/her.

Achille Lauro



Achille Lauro was born on the 1st July in Verona. His father is a magistrate. He grew up in Rome. At 14 he decided to go to live with his older brother; from him he inherited the love for music and started to know underground rap music and punk rock.

As the singer said in some of his songs and in some interviews, he kept a good relationship with his mother, who is actually the manager of his agency.

He started his career taking part in the program Pechino Express.

In January he published his autobiography "*I am Hamlet*".

In 2015 he started his career as a singer. The title of his second CD was "*God exists*", which seems to be an explicit mention of the Christian Religion.

In 2018 Achille published an experimental project full of different musical influences: from Neapolitan sonority to the House one, including South American and trap music. On 22nd December 2018 his participation in the "Sanremo Festival" was official. In his songs are named famous rock musicians such as Amy Winehouse, Elvis Presley, the Doors, Jimi Hendrix and others. All these artists are Achille's idols.

He likes interpreting different famous people in his songs.

At the Sanremo Festival, during the first performance he wore a black long velvet mantel with a great golden ribbon. When he put it off under he had a tunic from which you could see him in body and shorts in strass nude: with this costume he intended to perform the spoliation of San Francesco, as it is represented in the Basilica Superiore at Assisi, a painting ascribed to Giotto.



On Friday evening he personified the marquise Luisa Casati Stampa, who lived between 1800 and 1900. She was the first performer of history. She was the daughter of a rich cotton merchant; she married the marquis Camillo Casati Stampa of Sorcino. But it was her relationship with D'Annunzio that made her a living masterpiece. Every time she went out, she attracted the attention of the people for her unusual way of dressing. She used to walk around San Marco Square completely nude covered only by a fur coat and there were always two servants at her sides to light the street.



In the second performance he sang a song written for Mia Martini "*Gli uomini non cambiano*" (men don't change) and he wore the clothes of The White Duke version Ziggy Stardust, one

of many David Bowie masks, coming back to 1972 rebel soul, symbol of absolute artistic, expressive and sexual freedom.



The last night he was gorgeous! He was dressed like Queen Elizabeth I, The Virgin Queen, who never got married and never had any children because she said she was married to her people. He wore a great number of pearls around his face to give it an aristocratic look, the dress was typical of that time.

UP TO YOU

1. What kind of music do you like?
2. Can you play a musical instrument?
3. Who is your favourite singer?
4. Where is he/she from?
5. Have you ever been to one of his/her concerts?
6. What is your favourite song?
7. What's your favourite album?
8. Do you know the meaning of this song?
9. Do you create music?
10. When do you prefer listening to music? (When you're happy, sad...)
11. Do you often watch your singer's show on tv, on the net?
12. When was the last time you watched one of your singer's shows?
13. Did he/she receive any prize?
14. Music makes me feel...

With this information make a brief description of him/her.