



WHO KILLED MARILYN MONROE?

MURDER SUSPECTS



ELVIS PRESLEY (music, dance):

Elvis Presley rose to fame in the mid-1950s, attracting large audiences (especially teenage girls) because of his voice, unique sounds, and style. His music was a combination of rhythm & blues, country, blues, the pop music of the day, and gospel.ⁱ His “vulgar” dance moves attracted lots of attention. He started making movies in 1956. Between 1956 and 1961 he was recording, giving live concerts, and making movies (with the exception of the time when he was in the army) and achieved international fame.



ELLA FITZGERALD (music):

Ella Fitzgerald, raised in Yonkers, New York, made her singing debut at Harlem’s very own Apollo Theater. Fitzgerald was instrumental in the introduction of African American music to the white community, which was reflective of the Civil Rights Movement that was beginning in the 1950s. Known as the “Queen of Jazz,” Fitzgerald’s powerful voice and unique scat singing contributed to her becoming the most popular female jazz singer in America during this time.ⁱⁱ Fitzgerald faced racial discrimination throughout her career. She did, however, gain many celebrity fans who supported her regardless, one being Marilyn Monroe! Monroe convinced the owner of the Mocombo, a very popular 1950s night club, to book Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald called Monroe “an unusual woman--a little ahead of her times.”



AUDREY HEPBURN (fashion):

Actress, philanthropist, and fashion icon of the 1950s, Audrey Hepburn was known for her beauty, elegance, and grace. With the help of Hubert Givenchy, her glamorous and elegant style had a huge influence on the fashion of the time, especially her little black dress from *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*.ⁱⁱⁱ In a black turtleneck, black capri pants, and black ballerina flats, her simple style represented a change from the colorful and bold dresses that had been popular until then.



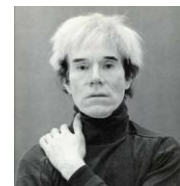
ELIZABETH ARDEN (fashion, makeup):

Elizabeth Arden, born Florence Nightingale Graham in Ontario, Canada, was a beauty pioneer and one of the most successful entrepreneurs of the 1950s. She used her background in nursing to create effective beauty creams for women that became widely popular in the 20th century. She later created more beauty products for women that became beauty icons of the 1950s, such as red lipstick and dark eyeliner. She opened up a chain of beauty salons and spas, called the Red Door Salons, which were greatly successful and can still be found around the world today. Marilyn Monroe was an avid customer of the Red Door Salons and her personal makeup collection included many beauty products made by Elizabeth Arden.^{iv}



ANDY WARHOL (visual art):

Warhol was one of the most successful commercial illustrators in the 1950s. He was involved in the pop art movement of the 50s, which reflected a sense of optimism from the public as the economy started to boom and recover from World War II. Pop art broke away from tradition by being interested in mundane objects, mass-media, mass-production, and mass-culture.^v Some of Warhol’s most famous illustrations are his screen-printed images of Marilyn Monroe and his illustrations of Campbell’s Soup Cans.



JEAN-LOUIS "JACK" KEROUAC (counterculture):

Kerouac was an American novelist and poet. He is considered a literary iconoclast and, alongside William S. Burroughs and Allen Ginsberg, a pioneer of the Beat Generation.^{vi} Kerouac is recognized for his spontaneous method of writing, covering topics such as Catholic spirituality, jazz, promiscuity, Buddhism, drugs, poverty, and travel. Kerouac became an underground celebrity and, with other beats, a progenitor of the hippie movement, although he remained antagonistic toward some of its politically radical elements.



ⁱ ElvisTribute.US, "Elvis Presley Biography." Last modified June 2, 2013. Accessed May 30, 2013. <http://www.elvistribute.us/elvis-presley-facts.php>.

ⁱⁱ EllaFitzgerald.com, "The Official Website of the First Lady of Song." Accessed May 30, 2013. <http://www.ellafitzgerald.com/about/biography.html>.

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^{vi} biography.com, "Jack Kerouac Biography." Accessed May 30, 2013. <http://www.biography.com/people/jack-kerouac>.