

### 1. James Dean

On September 30<sup>th</sup> it is exactly fifty years ago that James Dean died. He crashed his Porsche on the way to a car race in California, and ended a career which was just taking off. He only ever made three films, two of which were released after his death. In portraying the angst-ridden teenager who is at odds with the world around him, he became, and remains, a tragic icon.

#### Level

Elementary and above

#### How to use the lesson

1. Ask your students what they know about James Dean – When did he live? What was he famous for? How did he die? etc.
2. Give each student in the class a copy of the worksheet and ask them to complete the text in pairs.
3. When students have finished the task, ask them to check their answers with another pair.
4. Check answers in open class.

*Answers:*

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12 in 13 on 14 of 15 in

### 2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.jamesdean.com/index.php>

James Dean official website

<http://www.jamesdeangallery.com/>

visit the James Dean Gallery and take a video tour

<http://www.reelclassics.com/Actors/Dean/dean.htm>

learn more about the roles he played in his most famous films

<http://www.jamesdeanartifacts.com/index.php>

Learn about James Dean's roots at the Fairmount Historical Museum