

Read the fan sites and answer the questions that follow.

Popular British Celebrities

Duffy

Singer-songwriter Duffy is quite new in the pop music world, but she's already a huge success. Fans love her for her powerful voice and the emotion she puts into her songs.

Duffy's full name is Aimée Ann Duffy. She was born in Wales on 23 June, 1984, and grew up speaking Welsh as her mother tongue. She had an extraordinary voice from an early age; in fact, when she was 11 she was asked to leave her school choir because her voice was "too big" and she "didn't fit in."

As a teenager, Duffy dreamed of being a pop star and spent all of her spare time writing songs and singing. At age 19 she competed on a Welsh TV singing competition similar to the British Pop Idol, coming in second. Her first album, *Rockferry*, released in 2008, was an instant hit, becoming the UK's best selling album. The next year, this album won two prestigious musical awards: British Album of the Year and a Grammy.

After recently touring the United States and Europe, our talented Duffy is already planning a new album. Clearly, she'll continue making music headlines in the future!

Lewis Hamilton

Lewis Hamilton is young, but he's already a record breaker. The youngest World Champion racing car driver in Formula One history, he has won 11 Grand Prix races – all by the age of 24!

Now a multi-millionaire, Lewis comes from a modest background. Throughout his childhood, his father made great sacrifices in order to support his racing career. It all began in 1991. That was when he bought six-year-old Lewis a remote-controlled car, not knowing that this would lead to lifelong love affair with fast cars.

When our hero started to drive go-karts at age eight, it was already clear that he had exceptional talent. He soon began winning go-kart races and became European Champion at age 15. This ensured him a future in car racing, where his early successes led him to Formula One, the highest racing class. He had a fabulous first two seasons there, coming second in 2007 and first in 2008.

As the grandson of Caribbean immigrants to Britain, Lewis is the first black Formula One driver. This is an important development in the world of elite racing, which had been an almost all-white sport until Lewis came on the scene.

1. Complete the timelines for Duffy and Lewis Hamilton. Write what happened during each year.

Duffy



Lewis Hamilton



2. Did Duffy fulfil her dream? Explain.

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3. What is Duffy most famous for?

- her Welsh origins
- winning the TV singing competition
- her voice
- the songs she has written

4. Answer the question by completing the sentences.

How has racing changed Lewis' financial situation?

Before racing, Lewis

Now, he has

5. What change has Lewis made in the world of elite racing?

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Webquest

Complete one of the following tasks:

1. What do you want to know?

1. In pairs, write ten questions that you would like to ask Duffy or Lewis Hamilton.
2. Use the Internet to find the answers.
3. Write your questions together with the answers.

These Internet sites are a good place to begin your search:

Duffy – Official Webpage

<http://www.iamduffy.com>

Duffy – Wiki

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duffy_\(singer\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duffy_(singer))

Duffy – Absolute Radio

http://www.absoluteradio.co.uk/music/artists/duffy/utm_source=left_nav

Lewis Hamilton – Wiki

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_Hamilton

Lewis Hamilton – official website

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

The Official Formula 1 website

http://www.formula1.com/teams_and_drivers/drivers/828/

OR

2. Prepare a fan website.

You have been asked to plan the site for your favourite actor/actress, singer, musical group, sports figure etc. On paper, list the different sections of the website and write the information that will be in each section.

Your website should include:

- a. a short biography or timeline of his/her life
- b. highlights of his/her life
- c. links to sound files, videos or pictures

Here are some examples:

Lewis Hamilton Fan Club

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

Lewis Hamilton Fan Club UK

<http://lewishamilton.org.uk/>

PopStar – Duffy

<http://www.popstar.com/Duffy/>

Duffy: Aimee Duffy – an unofficial fan site

<http://www.aimeeduffy.info/>