



Public Figures Past & Present

TRINITY
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1. Can you think of important personalities from your country? Who appears in the media the most? What are their professions and why did they become famous?
2. Which public figure, dead or alive, do you admire most and why?
3. Does your country have any famous historical figures? What did they do?
4. Who are some famous artists in your country?
5. The media say they have the right to report about people's private lives if it is in the 'public interest'. In your opinion, what kinds of things should and should not be reported?
6. Should celebrities have the right to a private life?
7. Do you think the people like the Pope or the King should have a private life?
8. Do the media have a "duty" to respect royalty? How do the media treat the royal family in Spain?
9. Do you think a politician's private life is newsworthy? Why or why not?
10. Why are people so interested in the private lives of celebrities?
11. What do you think about the yellow press? Why do you think there is such a high demand for gossip magazines and gossip TV programs?
12. What do you think of paparazzi?
13. Film and music celebrities are often accused of using the media to advance their career until they become famous and later complaining of media intrusion. What is your opinion?
14. Do you think that celebrities earn too much money these days?
15. Have you ever met anyone famous?
16. What do you think it would be like to be famous?
17. What do you imagine are the main advantages and disadvantages of being famous?
18. What things would you miss about ordinary life if you were a celebrity?
19. Which public figures are more important to the Spanish people, footballers or government leaders? Why?
20. Should celebrities be role models?
21. Can you tell me about a famous person who inspires you to be better?



22. If you could influence people like a celebrity does, how would you use it for the benefit of the planet?
23. In the context of television programs, to what extent should the audience figures justify the content?
24. Are reality shows very popular in your country?
25. Why is junk T.V. so popular?
26. Television versus cinema. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each one?

