Marilyn Monroe
1 June 1926 - 5 August 1962
American actress and model

**Private life**
* born and raised in Los Angeles
* spent most of her childhood in foster homes and orphanage
* 1st marriage at the age of 16
* worked in a factory during WW2
* married baseball player Joe Di Maggio (1954-1955)
* married playwright Arthur Miller (1956-1961)
* struggled with addiction, depression and anxiety

**Career**
- began as a successful pin-up model
- minor film roles in the 1940s
- became a popular actress with ’As young as you feel’, ’Monkey Business’, ’Clash by Night’
- by 1953, became one of the most bankable Hollywood stars
- famous for playing ’dumb blonde’ characters
- one of the most popular sex symbols of the 1950s
- won a Golden Globe for Best Actress for ’Some like it hot’ 1959

**Which films to remember?**
- Gentlemen prefer blondes (1953)
- How to marry a millionaire (1953)
  & The Seven Year Itch (1955)
- Bus Stop (1956)
- Some Like it Hot (1959)