

The story of Madame Tussaud's

Marie Tussaud was born in **France** about 240 years ago. When she was a young woman she learned how to make **wax figures** from a doctor. Soon she was well known for her figures of famous dead people.

Marie travelled to **Britain** with her wax figures in 1802. In **1835** she opened a museum for her figures in London. Today Madame Tussaud's is one of London's most famous **sights**. Many people from all over the world visit her **museum** every year. The museum shows figures of stars and important persons. Most figures are **new**, but you can still see some **old** figures that Marie Tussaud made. You can stand next to pop stars like **Britney Spears** or take a photo of you and David Beckham. You can also meet famous cartoon heroes like **Batman** or Hulk.

Did you know that you can even *be* a pop star or a famous athlete at Madame Tussaud's? A **coach** helps you to dance like Britney Spears or climb a wall like Spiderman! There are over **400** figures in the museum, but only **seven** show German stars. Thomas Gottschalk and Gerhard Schröder are two of them.

You can find Madame Tussaud's in Marylebone Road near Bakerstreet **underground station**. Most people use the **tube** to get there because London is full of cars. Tickets for the museum are quite **expensive**: even pupils have to pay about £ 22! That is 32 € in Germany! So if you go to London, don't forget to **visit** Madame Tussaud's. Have a nice time - and don't forget to take a photo of Madame Tussaud's own wax figure!