



ERNEST MILLER HEMINGWAY



Life

Year of birth: 1899.

Place of birth: Oak Park, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois.

Year of death: 1961.

Place of death: He committed suicide and was buried in

Sun Valley Idaho, USA.

Place of study: Oak Park and River Forest High school.

Family: Hemingway was married four times. His wives were Hadley Richardson (1921), Pauline Pfeiffer (1927), Martha Gellhorn (1940) and Mary Welsh (1946).

The Author

His father was a doctor and his mother a singer. Hemingway spent his childhood as a very active boy, he liked hunting, fishing, boxing and playing rugby. However, as a child, he loved reading and writing too.

He began to work as a reporter in 1917 and in the following years as a novelist.

He had a very adventurous life full of important cultural experiences. He traveled in Europe and met famous writers such as James Joyce. He also had a great passion for safaris and often to Africa.

In 1936, during the Spanish Civil War, he worked as a foreign correspondent for an American news agency. He continued this activity during the Second World War.

At the end of the war Hemingway moved to Cuba and continued writing famous novels and dedicating his free time to another of his passions, fishing.

He committed suicide, just like his father.

Personality: adventurous, active, passionate. Towards the end of his life Hemingway suffered from acute depression.

Influences: modernist writers and artists. His trips abroad also inspired his novels.

Artist: his great love for writing made him a very eclectic artist and a brilliant writer who was appreciated throughout the world.

Travels: He travelled a lot, traveling in Italy, France, Spain, Africa and Cuba. He considered the latter his second home.

Works

Hemingway produced most of his work between the mid-1920s and the mid-1950s and many of them are considered classics of American literature. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954. He also gained the Pulitzer Prize with *The Old Man and the Sea* in 1953. His works include:

- *In Our Time* (1924);
- *The Sun Also Rises* (1926) published as *Fiesta* in Britain;
- *The Green Hills of Africa* (1935);
- *A Farewell to Arms* (1929);
- *For Whom the Bell Tolls* (1940).

A famous quote

«Every day is a new day.»



3 True or false? Correct the false sentences.

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| a. Ernest Hemingway was British. | T | F |
| b. He was born in 1899. | T | F |
| c. His father was a lawyer. | T | F |
| d. He was married four times. | T | F |
| e. Hemingway travelled a lot. | T | F |
| f. Hemingway was a famous journalist and novelist. | T | F |
| g. He was a war reporter. | T | F |
| h. He worked as a foreign correspondent. | T | F |
| i. Hemingway hated fishing. | T | F |
| j. He didn't win the Nobel Prize for Literature. | T | F |