

# Famous Ukrainians

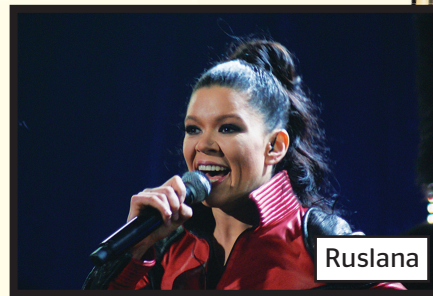
## Warm-up

Talk in groups. Decide who are the five most famous Ukrainians and why.

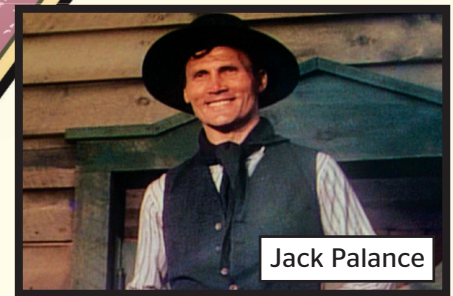
A. Look at the pictures of these famous people. What do you know about them? Read the text and check your answers.



Milla Jovovich



Ruslana



Jack Palance

## Milla Jovovich

Jovovich was born on 17 December 1975 in Kyiv and started modelling when she was 9. Her first film was *Return to the Blue Lagoon* (1991). Milla often goes to celebrity parties, premières, openings, fashion shows, and awards shows. She has been on the cover of more than 100 magazines worldwide.

Jovovich now lives in Los Angeles and New York with her husband, film writer and director Paul W.S. Anderson. They got married in 2009 and they have two children and three dogs. Milla does yoga, avoids junk food and prefers to cook healthy food. She enjoys playing the guitar, writing in a diary, and writing poems and songs. She also created a charity to help Ukrainian children in 2005.

## Ruslana

Ruslana was born on 24 May 1973 and won the Eurovision Song Contest in 2004. She's a national pop folk music icon, pianist, singer, dancer and songwriter. Ruslana has performed in many charity concerts and has done some commercials.

## Jack Palance

Jack Palance (Volodymyr Palahniuk) was born on 18 February 1919 in Pennsylvania, USA and died on 10 November 2006. His parents were Ukrainian. Palance was made famous in the Hollywood films *Young Guns*, *Batman* and *City Slickers*. He won an Oscar for his role as a cowboy in *City Slickers*. He was the host of a popular TV show of the 1980s called *Ripley's believe it or not*. Palance used to paint and sell landscape art, with a poem included on the back of each picture. He is also the author of *The Forest of Love*, a book of poems, published in 1996 by Summerhouse Press.

B. Read the text again and write M for Milla Jovovich, R for Ruslana or J for Jack Palance.

Who...

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| 1. was born in the USA?    | <input type="radio"/> | 5. has children?         | <input type="radio"/>                       |
| 2. has modelled?           | <input type="radio"/> | 6. has painted pictures? | <input type="radio"/>                       |
| 3. has won a song contest? | <input type="radio"/> | 7. has written poems?    | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. has pets?               | <input type="radio"/> | 8. writes songs?         | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

C. Talk in pairs. Decide which two famous Ukrainians you would like to interview and why. Decide what questions you would like to ask them.