

Falling Stars

Celebrities who have ruined or ended their lives because of drugs

1. Select a celebrity (musician, sports figure, actor, etc.) who has either ruined their life and their career or killed themselves because of drugs.
2. Research the celebrity and the drug that did them in.
3. Locate a picture of the person and add it to the “Falling Stars” PowerPoint saved in your teacher’s folder for your class in the ms-hs shared folder (the slide should just have a picture of the person and their name).
4. Take notes, organize the notes, and prepare a works cited page (using NoodleBib – MLA Advanced).

After each section is the minimum number of resources you should be using to create your answer to that particular section. For example, when writing about “The Drug” you will extract information from two different sources and put that information in your own words. You will use phrases like, “According to an article in *Time* magazine...”, or “Based on information from the group’s official Web site...”, etc. This lends *credibility* to your presentation.

Introduction - Who is your celebrity and why are they famous? (0 sources)

Background – General info on celebrity’s childhood life. Include where and when they grew up, what kind of neighborhood/area (was it poor, rough, affluent, etc.). Family situation. Were there any early indicators of later drug problems? (2 sources)

Accomplishments - Describe their success (for example, if the person is/was a musician, name some hit songs, if the person is/was an athlete, name some wins). (1 source)

The Drug – Which drug did him or her in? What are its street names? Describe the drug (what does the drug look like)? How is it taken? What does the drug do to you physiologically and psychologically? Short term effects. Long term effects. Current statistics. (2 sources)

The “Fall” – Tell about the circumstances surrounding the celebrity’s introduction to the drug, their use and abuse of the drug, and what finally happened. Did they lose their wealth? Their dignity? Their life? Did they try rehab? How many times? Were they arrested? Hospitalized? Did they overdose? Did they die? (2 sources)

In Conclusion – Sum up all you have read. Why do you think successful, talented “intelligent” people do this to themselves? (0 sources)