
Interesting lives

Swimmer Michael Phelps was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1985. He has set 39 world records, and also holds the all-time records for Olympic gold medals (18). At the 2008 Beijing Games Phelps won eight gold medals and took the record for the most first-place finishes at any single Olympic Games.

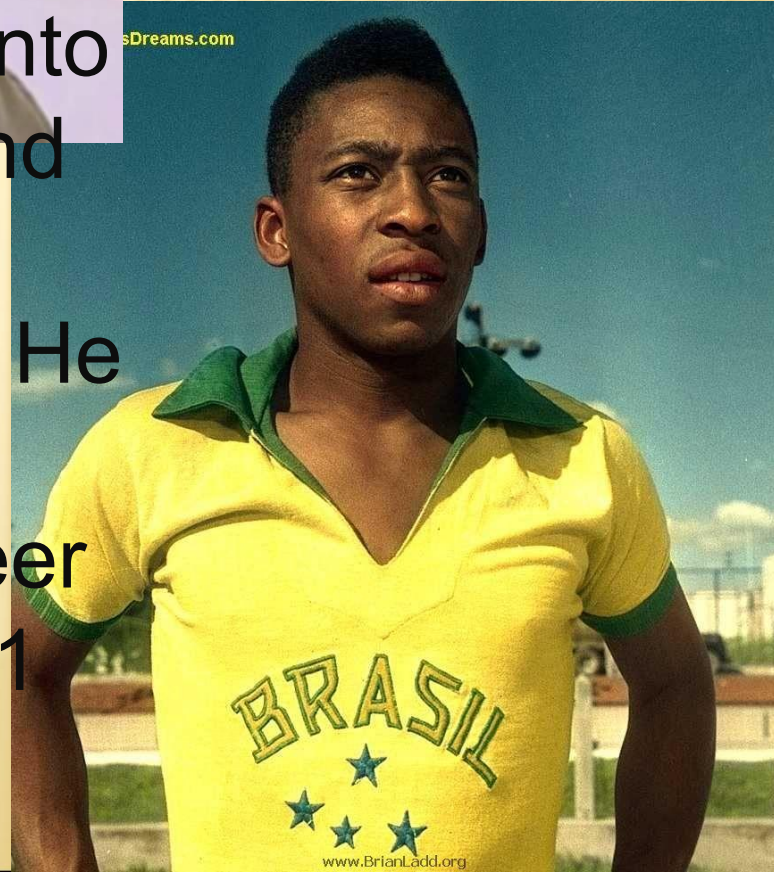


Singer-songwriter-musician Shakira is from Barranquilla in Colombia. Her full name is Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll. Shakira has won many awards, including five MTV Video Music Awards, two Grammy Awards, etc. She is one of the best-selling artists of all time. As of 2014, she is listed as the 5th most powerful woman in the world by *Forbes*.





Edison Arantes do Nascimento was born in Brazil in 1940 and is generally considered the greatest footballer in history. He was listed in the *Guinness World Records* for most career goals scored in football (1281 goals in 1363 games).



Actress and model Eva Green was born in Paris in 1980. She made her film debut in 2003 in Bernardo Bertolucci's *The Dreamers*. She achieved international recognition when she appeared in Ridley Scott's *Kingdom of Heaven* in 2005, and portrayed Vesper Lynd in the James Bond film *Casino Royale* (2006).

