

# Emma Watson Biography



## I Read the biography

Emma Watson is a British actress, model and social activist.

She was born on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1990 in Paris to English parents. From the age of five, she was brought up in Oxfordshire and London. She attended the *Stagecoach Theatre Arts*. She was also a student at the *Dragon School*, Oxford and later Headington School. She appeared in several amateur school productions. In addition, she spent much time practising drama and learning the skills of an actress.

In 1999, she started her career. She was invited to auditions for the upcoming *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* film. She attended eight auditions, and the producer David Heyman was impressed with her confidence and acting ability. J.K.Rowling took an instant like to Watson and wanted her to play Hermione from the first audition.

She was given a lead role of playing Hermione Granger.

Between 2001 and 2011, she played in all seven Harry Potter films and became an international teen star as the films became increasingly popular.

It was the cumulation of one of the most successful film series in history and cemented Watson's role as a leading female, young actor.

In 2005, Watson began a modelling career, appearing on the front of Teen Vogue. She has also worked as a model for Burberry and Lancome.

Emma Watson continued her film career with new roles in films such as *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* (2012) and *the Bling Ring* (2013).

She studied at Brown University (US) and Worcester College, Oxford University, graduating with a BA in English literature in 2014.

In July 2014, Watson was appointed a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador and later in the year gave an address at the United Nations in New York. Her speech was part of the UN Women Campaign #HeForShe which sought to try and involve more men in the campaign for equal rights between men and women. Watson sought to refresh the concept of feminism in order to include men in the process of greater equality.

## II Complete the timeline

became a model / became an activist (for gender equality) / became an actress

