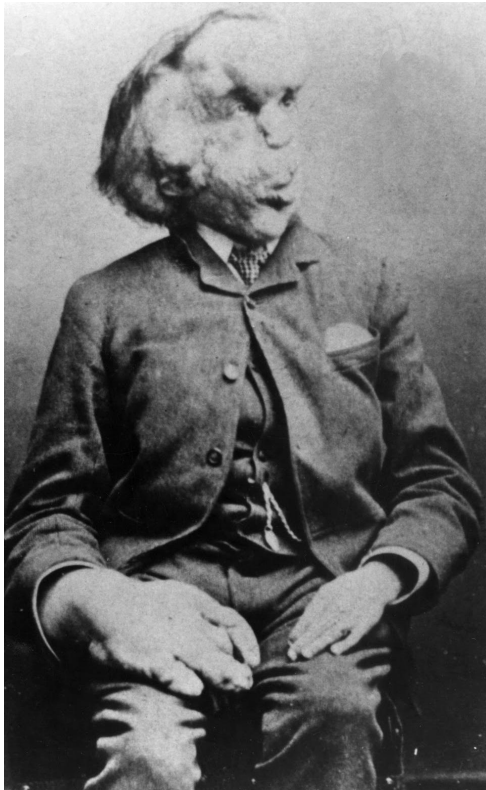


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4. Speaking: good and ugly:

One of them really existed. Which one?

The Elephant man:



Joseph Carey Merrick was born on August 5, 1862 in Leicester, he was an English man known for having severe deformities. His mum died early and his father remarried and abandoned him. He was first exhibited at a freak show, Potts arranged for a group of men to manage Merrick, whom they named 'the Elephant Man'. Later, Merrick joined Sam Roper's circus and was toured in

Europe. In Belgium, Merrick was robbed by his road manager and abandoned in Brussels. He eventually made his way back to the London Hospital, where he was allowed to stay for the rest of his life.

He died on 11 April 1890, caused by the asphyxia disease.

Erik, just like the three “monsters” above suffered because of his horrible appearance. What about you? How important is a person’s physical appearance? Talk about this with your partner, and then present your ideas to the class. Use these questions to help you.

· **Do you want your boyfriend or girlfriend to be attractive?**

In my opinion, I think that it's not very important, because the important thing of each person it's the heart, the personality, the character... But about the physical appearance if it's acceptable I think that it will be fine.

· **How important are the clothes a person wears?**

The clothes and the way to dress can say or give an idea the personality, the character, the way of being...of that person. For example if a girl in her day a day wear dirty clothes, means that she is a dirty person. I think that the clothing gives a main idea of a person.

· **Do you want your friends to be attractive?**

I don't care about this, in my view it's not important to be attractive or not. If I feel comfortable staying with him/ her, that's fine.

· **How do you react to a person who has a serious physical disability?**

Depends on his/her appearance maybe I will react strangely, because It's a uncommon thing, but I would respect him/her, and if It's necessary I would help him/ her.

· **How do you think most people in your school react?**

I don't know, I think a lot of them will react like me, but also have some rude people that would laugh him/her and say bat things.