

## Idols AND Ideals

### Vocabulary:

**Synonyms:** god, hero, icon (also ikon)

**lofty / noble / high ideal** — благородный / высокий идеал

**to attain / realize an ideal** — достичь идеала

**prototype** – прообраз

**national idol** — национальный герой

**popular idol** — народный герой

**to worship an idol** — почитать кумира

**teen idol** - a celebrity who is widely idolized by teenagers; he or she is often young but not necessarily teenaged, often teen idols are actors or musicians.

**blind admiration**- слепое восхищение

**adoration**- поклонение, обожание

**devotion** - преданность, сильная привязанность

**absolute / blind / complete / deep / great / slavish / thorough / undying / utter devotion** — слепая, безоговорочная преданность

**to demonstrate / display / show devotion** — выказывать преданность

**a figment of the mind (of the imagination) = fantasy**- вымысел

**fiction/ invention**- выдумка

**an object of veneration**- объект поклонения

**cult, worship**- поклонение, культ

**personality cult (cult of the individual)**- культ личности

**idolize/ put (smb) on a pedestal** - сотворить / создать / сделать (себе) кумира

**irreproachable/ impeccable/perfect** – безукоризненный

**to strive (for)**- стремиться, страстно желать

**disparagement to their ability** — недооценка их возможностей

### Questions:

Have you ever experienced the feeling of blind admiration?

When you were a child did you worship teen idols?

Have you ever displayed a deep devotion to any of your relatives?

What was the cause of it?

Have you ever had an object of veneration in your life?

Do you strive to attain an ideal way of life?

Have you ever put someone on the pedestal?

Do you think it is necessary to idolize someone?

Does it help to set and achieve goals?

Have you ever had a habit of disparagement to your ability?

Have you got rid of that habit?

Do you want to be better? What would you like to change?

### **Sayings:**

1 *Ideals are like the stars: we never reach them, but like the mariners of the sea, we chart our course by them.* Идеалы подобны звездам в небе: мы никогда не можем их достичь, но, как мореходы в плавании, ориентируемся по ним в жизни.

2 *The attainment of an ideal is often the beginning of a disillusion.* (Baldwin) Достижение идеала часто приводит к прощанию с иллюзиями.

3 *We build statues out of snow and weep to see them melt.* (Scott) Мы лепим статуи из снега и плачем, когда видим, как они тают.

4. *Thou shalt not make thee any graven image.* (библ) Не сотвори себе кумира.