

Steve McQueen

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Steven Rodney McQueen was born on 9th October 1969 in London. McQueen did not have a positive experience at school. He was dyslexic and had to wear an eyepatch due to having a lazy eye. Despite this negative start to his education, McQueen went on to study art and design at Chelsea College of Arts and fine art at Goldsmiths College, London. It was here that he first became interested in film.

McQueen is perhaps most famous for being a British film director and screenwriter. He won several awards, including an Academy and BAFTA Award, for his 2013 film *12 Years a Slave*. This is a historical drama adaptation of the life of an 1853 slave. McQueen is the first black filmmaker to win an Academy Award for Best Picture.

McQueen also received the Turner Prize (the highest award given to a British artist) for his artwork *Queen and Country* which commemorates the deaths of British soldiers in Iraq by presenting their portraits as a sheet of stamps.

McQueen was named as one of the 'Most Influential People in the World' in a TIME magazine article in April 2014.