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**A.** Photography.

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**A.** Carla Bruni, wife of President Sarkozy.

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**A.** A Bourgeois Bohemian: the upper middle class, left wing, green, urban, media types that have been widely ridiculed in France in recent years.

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**A.** He only played with three fingers on his left hand (after two fingers were semi-paralysed in a fire).

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**A.** Jean-Paul Sartre.

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**A.** Audrey Tautou

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