

Table: Comparison between the Careers of Chaplin and MGR

Parameter	Chaplin	MGR
Life span	1889 Apr 16 – 1977 Dec 25	1917 Jan 17 – 1987 Dec 24
Father's life span	1863 Mar 18- 1901 May 9	1884 – 1920
Mother's life span	1865 Aug 6- 1928 Aug 28	? – 1952
Elder brother	Sydney, 1885 – 1965 (half-brother)	Chakrapani, 1911-1986 (own brother)
Main humiliation during childhood	poverty	poverty
Main reason for entry into stage career	poverty	poverty
Span of movie career	1914-1966 (81 movies)	1936-1978 (133 movies)
Span of 'dominant' movie phase	1921-1957 (13 movies)	1950-1978 (113 movies)
Number of Silent movies	76	0
Number of talkies	5	133
Language of talkies	English	Tamil
Leitmotif of movies	tramp character	mother symbolism
Genre	comedy	action, adventure, social
Ideology	defense of the powerless	defense of the powerless
Fame	international	regional/only 4 nations
Marriage	4 times	3 times