

Biographies

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List of Famous People

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[Marilyn Monroe](#) (1926 - 1962) American actress / singer / model
[Mother Teresa](#) (1910-1997) Catholic missionary nun / charity worker
[John F. Kennedy](#) (1917 – 1963) US President
[Martin Luther King](#) (1929 – 1968) - American civil rights campaigner
[Nelson Mandela](#) (1918 -) - South African President anti-apartheid campaigner
[Winston Churchill](#) (1874- 1965) - British Prime Minister during WWII
[Bill Gates](#) (1955 -) American businessman, founder of Microsoft
[Muhammad Ali](#) (1942 -) American Boxer and civil rights campaigner
[Mahatma Gandhi](#) (1869 - 1948) Leader of Indian independence
[Margaret Thatcher](#) (1925 -) British Prime Minister.
[Charles de Gaulle](#) (1890 - 1970) French resistance leader and President
[Christopher Columbus](#) (1451 – 1506) - Explorer
[George Orwell](#) (1903 - 1950) British author of 1984, Animal farm
[Charles Darwin](#) (1809 - 1882) British scientist proposed theory of evolution
[Elvis Presley](#) (1935 - 1977) American pop singer
[Albert Einstein](#) (1879 - 1955) German scientist - theory of relativity
[Paul McCartney](#) (1942 -) British musician, member of Beatles
[Plato](#) (423 BC – 348 BC) Greek philosopher
[Queen Elizabeth II](#) (1926 -) British monarch since 1954
[Queen Victoria](#) (1819 –1901) British Queen during Nineteenth Century
[John M Keynes](#) (1883 – 1946) British economist
[Mikhail Gorbachev](#) (1931 -) Russian President during end of Cold War
[Jawaharlal Nehru](#) (1889-1964) Indian Prime Minister
[Leonardo da Vinci](#) (1452 – 1519) Italian, painter, scientist, polymath
[Louis Pasteur](#) (1822-1895) - French chemist and microbiologist
[Leo Tolstoy](#) (1828 - 1910) - Russian author and philosopher
[Pablo Picasso](#) (1881-1973) - Spanish modern artists
[Vincent Van Gogh](#) (1853 – 1890) artist
[Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) (1882 – 1945) - US President 1932 - 1945
[Pope John Paul II](#) (1920 - 2005) Polish Pope
[Neil Armstrong](#) (1930 – 2012) US Pilot
[Thomas Edison](#) (1847 – 1931) - American inventor
[Rosa Parks](#) (1913 – 2005) - American civil rights activist
[Aung San Suu Kyi](#) (1945 -) Burmese opposition leader.
[Lyndon Johnson](#) (1908 – 1973) - US President 1963-69
[Ludwig Beethoven](#) (1770 - 1827) - German composer
[Oprah Winfrey](#) (1954 -) US media celebrity
[Indira Gandhi](#) (1917 – 1984) - Third Prime Minister of India
[Eva Peron](#) (1919 – 1952) - First Lady of Argentina
[Benazir Bhutto](#) (1953 – 2007) - Prime Minister of Pakistan
[Desmond Tutu](#) (1931 -) African Bishop and opponent of apartheid
[Dalai Lama](#) (1938 -) Spiritual and political leader of Tibetans

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[Walt Disney](#) (1901 – 1966) American film producer
[Peter Sellers](#)
[Barack Obama](#)
[Malcolm X](#) (1925 – 1965) Black nationalist leader
[J.K. Rowling](#)
[Richard Branson](#)
[Pele](#)
[Jesse Owens](#) (1913-1980) US athlete
[Ernest Hemingway](#)
[John Lennon](#) (1940 – 1980) British popstar and Beatle
[Henry Ford](#) (1863 – 1947) US Industrialist
[Haile Selassie](#) (1892 - 1975) head of state of Ethiopia
[Joseph Stalin](#) (1879 - 1953) Soviet leader
[Lord Baden Powell](#) (1857 – 1941) Founder of scout movement
[Michael Jordon](#) (1963 -) US Basketball
[George W. Bush](#) (1946 -) US President
[Vladimir Lenin](#) (1870-1924) - Leader of Russian Revolution
[Osama Bin Laden](#) (1957-2011) Leader of Al Qaeda
[Fidel Castro](#) (1926-) Cuban revolutionary leader
[Oscar Wilde](#) (1854- 1900) Irish author, poet, playwright
[Coco Chanel](#) (1883-1971) - Fashion designer
[Amelia Earhart](#) (1897– 1937) - Female aviator
[Adolf Hitler](#) (1889 - 1945) - leader of Nazi Germany
[Sting](#)
[Mary Magdalene](#) (4 BC - 40AD) - disciple of Jesus Christ
[Alfred Hitchcock](#) (1899 – 1980) - Film producer
[Michael Jackson](#) (1958 – 2009) - Pop singer
[Madonna](#) (1958 -) Pop singer
[Mata Hari](#) (1876-1917) Dancer, executed as spy
[Cleopatra](#) (69 -30 BC) Queen of Egypt.
[Emmeline Pankhurst](#) 1858-1928 - English suffragette
[Ronald Reagan](#) (1911 – 2004) - US President
[Babe Ruth](#) (1895 – 1948) Baseball player
[Bob Geldof](#) - Musician, charity worker
[Leon Trotsky](#) (1879-1940) Marxist revolutionary
[Roger Federer](#) (1981 -) Tennis player
[Sigmund Freud](#)
[Woodrow Wilson](#) (1856 – 1924) US president
[Mao Zedong](#) (1893-1976) Leader of Chinese Communist revolution
[Katherine Hepburn](#)
[Audrey Hepburn](#)
[David Beckham](#) - footballer
[Tiger Woods](#) - golfer
[Bill Cosby](#)
[Prince Charles](#)
[Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis](#)
[C.S. Lewis](#)
[Billie Holiday](#) (1915 – 1959) American jazz singer
[J.R.R. Tolkien](#)
[Virginia Woolf](#)
[Billie Jean King](#)
[Kylie Minogue](#)
[Anne Frank](#)
[Julie Andrews](#)
[Florence Nightingale](#)
[Marie Curie](#)
[Stephen Hawking](#)
[Lady Gaga](#)
[Lance Armstrong](#)

List of Famous Women

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[Princess Diana](#) 1961 - 1997 - Princess of Wales, humanitarian and charity work
[Indira Gandhi](#) (1917-1984) - Prime Minister of India
[Queen Victoria](#) (1819-1901) - Queen of Great Britain during nineteenth century
[Madonna](#) (1958 -) Pop star
[Mary Magdalene](#) (4 BC - 40AD) - devotee of Jesus Christ
[Benazir Bhutto](#) (1953 - 2007) Prime Minister of Pakistan
[Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis](#) (1929 – 1994)- Wife of John F. Kennedy
[Cleopatra](#) (69 -30 BC) - Queen of Egypt
[Joan of Arc](#) (1412-1431) - young girl who inspired French to revolt against British
[Marilyn Monroe](#) (1926-1962) - Actress, and icon of post war America
[Mother Teresa](#) (1910-1997) - nun and charity worker.
[Anne Frank](#) (1929-1945) - Jewish diarist
[Audrey Hepburn](#) (1929-1993) - Actress
[Oprah Winfrey](#) (1954 -) Chat show host and icon of American women
[Billie Jean King](#) (1943-) - Tennis player
[Eleanor of Aquitaine](#) (1122-1204) - Queen of France
[Hilary Clinton](#) (1947 -) US Secretary of State
[Bridgitte Bardot](#) (1934-) actress, animal rights activist
[Eleanor Roosevelt](#) (1884-1962) - Wife of F.D.Roosevelt and human rights campaigner
[St Teresa Of Avila](#) (1515-1582) - Saint, mystic and writer.
[Agatha Christie](#) (1890-1973)- Best selling crime fiction author
[Catherine de Medici](#) (1519-1589)
[Mata Hari](#) - (1876 - 1917) Exotic dancer, executed as spy during First World War
[J.K.Rowling](#) (1965-) - Author of Harry Potter series.
[Elizabeth I](#) (1533-1603) - Queen of England
[Ingrid Bergman](#) (1915-1982) Swedish actress
[Catherine the Great](#) (1729-1796) - Queen of Russia
[Mary Wollstonecraft](#) (1759-1797) - Early feminist and writer
[Jane Austen](#) (1775-1817) - Writer
[Aung San Suu Kyi](#) (1945-) Burmese democrat.
[Harriet Beecher Stowe](#) (1811-1896) - Anti slavery campaigner
[Mae West](#) (1892-1980) - US actress
[Florence Nightingale](#) (1820-1910) - Pioneering nurse
[Susan B. Anthony](#) (1820-1906) - Political activist for women and human rights
[Emily Dickinson](#) (1830 – 1886) - Poet
[Marie Antoinette](#) (1755-1795) - French Queen of Austrian birth
[Emily Pankhurst](#) (1858-1928) - Suffragette
[Marie Curie](#) (1867-1934) - Nobel Prize winning scientist
[Emily Murphy](#) (1868-1933) - Female lawyer
[Rosa Luxemburg](#) (1870-1919) - Political activist
[Zsa Zsa Gabor](#) (1919-) Hungarian actress
[Bette Davis](#) (1908-1989) - US actress
[Helena Rubinstein](#) (1870-1965) - US businesswomen
[Helen Keller](#) (1880-1968) - campaigner for deaf and blind.
[Coco Chanel](#) (1883-1971) - fashion designer
[Emily Bronte](#) (1818 - 1848) - English writer
[Amelia Earhart](#) (1897-1937) - adventurer
[Katharine Hepburn](#) (1907-2003) - Multiple Oscar winning actress
[Simone de Beauvoir](#) (1908-1986) - Philosopher
[Marlene Dietrich](#) (1901-1992) German actress
[Rosa Parks](#) (1913-2005) - American political activist
[Hildegard of Bingen](#) (1098-1179) - nun, musician and poet.
[Billie Holiday](#) (1915-1959) - Iconic jazz singer
[Eva Peron](#) (1919-1952) - Wife of Argentinian President

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[Yoko Ono](#) (1933-) US artist, musician
[Queen Elizabeth II](#) - British Queen from 1953
[Margaret Thatcher](#) (1925-) - British Prime Minister during 1980s
[Dian Fossey](#) (1932-1985) - Environmentalist
[Germaine Greer](#) (1939-) Feminist and writer
[Lauren Bacall](#) (1924-) US actress
[Julie Andrews](#) - Actress famous for role in Sound of Music
[Jane Goodall](#) - Environmentalist and Chimpanzee enthusiast
[Martina Navratilova](#) (1956 -) US Tennis player
[Daphne Du Maurier](#) - (1907-1989) British novelist
[Golda Meir](#) (1898 - 1978) - Israeli leader
[Elizabeth Taylor](#) (1932-) actress
[Virginia Woolf](#) (1882 - 1941)- Writer
[Maya Angelou](#) - Poet
[Beatrix Potter](#) - Author and conservationist.
[Anna Pavlova](#) (1881-1931) Russian ballet dancer
[Edith Cavell](#) - British nurse shot as spy in First World War
[St Therese Lisieux](#) - Saint and writer
[Estee Lauder](#) (1908-) US, cosmetics executive
[Sappho](#) (570BC) - Poet
[Susan Boyle](#) - Singer
[Iris Murdoch](#) (1919-1999) - Irish writer
[Whoopi Goldberg](#) (1994-) actress
[Kate Middleton](#) - Wife of Prince William
[Maria Callas](#) (1923-1977) US opera singer
[Lady Gaga](#) - Twenty First Century pop icon
[Emily Brontë](#) (1818-1850) - British writer

Other Famous World Figures

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Jesus Christ (c.5BC - 30AD) Spiritual Teacher, central figure of Christianity
Thomas Jefferson (1743- 1826) 3rd President of US. Principle author of Declaration of Independence
Lord Buddha (c 563 - 483BC) Spiritual Teacher and founder of Buddhism
William Shakespeare (1564- 1616) English poet and playwright
Abraham Lincoln (1809 – 1865) President of US during civil war, helped end slavery
Muhammad - (570 – 632) Prophet of Islam
St Paul (5 - AD 67) - Christian missionary
George Washington (1732 – 1799) - 1st President of US
Sri Krishna (c. BC) - Spiritual Teacher of Hinduism
Emperor Constantine (272 – 337) First Roman Emperor to embrace Christianity
Martin Luther (1483 – 1546) - Key figure in Protestant Reformation
Socrates (469 BC–399 BC) - Greek philosopher
Karl Marx (1818 – 1883) - German philosopher, founder of Marxism
Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727) - English mathematician and scientist
Akbar (1542 – 1605) - Moghul Emperor
Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967) - German Chancellor post WWII
Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964) - First Indian Prime Minister
Ramses II (1279 - 1213 BC) - Powerful Egyptian king
Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790) - US writer and polymath
Confucius (551 – 479 BC) - Chinese philosopher
Alexander the Great (356 – 323 BC) - King of Macedonia
William Wilberforce (1759 – 1833) - Campaigner against slavery
Marcus Aurelius (121 – 180) - Roman Emperor and philosopher
Galileo Galilei (1564 -1642) - Astronomer and physicist
Charlemagne (742 - 814) - King of Franks and Emperor of the Romans

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Aristotle (384 BC – 322 BC) - Greek philosopher
Saladin (1138 – 1193) - Leader of Arabs during Crusades
Babur (1483 - 1531) - Founder of Moghul Empire
Sir Walter Raleigh (1552 – 1618) - English explorer
Voltaire (1694 – 1778 - French philosopher
Samuel Johnson (1709 - 1784) - British author and creator of dictionary
Catherine the Great (1729 – 1796) - Russian Queen
Mozart (1756 – 1791) - Austrian Music composer
Napoleon Bonaparte (1769 – 1821) - French military and political leader
Benjamin Disraeli (1804 – 1881) - British Prime Minister
Ataturk (1881-1938) - founder of the Turkish Republic
Lord Nelson (1758 – 1805) - Admiral in British navy
Boris Yeltsin (1931 – 2007) - Russian President
William Tyndale (1494 – 1536) - Translated Bible into English
Tim Berners Lee (1955 -) Credited with founding World Wide Web
Benazir Bhutto (1953 – 2007) - Prime Minister of Pakistan
Schubert (1797 – 1828) - Austrian Composer
Kofi Annan (1938 -) United Nations Secretary General
Albert Schweitzer (1875 – 1965) - Humanitarian, philosopher
Malcolm X (1925 – 1965) Black nationalist leader
Lech Walesa (1943 -) Leader of Polish solidarity movement
John M Keynes (1883 – 1946) Influential economist
Oliver Cromwell (1599 – 1658) - British Parliamentarian
Oprah Winfrey (1954 -) US media celebrity
Boudicca (- 60AD) - British leader against Roman rule
Swami Vivekananda (1863 - 1902) Hindu monk and Indian nationalist
Jesse Owens (1913-1980) US Sprinter
Bill Gates (1955 -) Founder of Microsoft
Ernest Hemingway (1899 – 1961) US writer
John Lennon (1940 – 1980) British popstar and Beatle
Henry Ford (1864-1947) US Industrialist
Genghis Kahn - Leader of Mongol Empire stretching from China to Europe.
Haile Selassie - Ethiopian Leader
George Orwell (1903 – 1950) - English author
Thomas Edison (1847 – 1931) - Inventor and businessman.
Dwight Eisenhower (1890 – 1969) - Supreme Allied Commander

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