

# 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  
[Hillary 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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