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## FRIDA KAHLO

Born: 6 July 1907, Mexico

Died: 13 July 1954

One of Mexico's greatest artists

Frida dreamed of becoming a professional painter as she recovered from a bus accident that almost killed her. Frida's most famous pictures are self-portraits that show her sadness and pain, but also her courage, hope and passion for life.



## LOUISE BOURGEOIS

Born: 25 December 1911, France

Died: 31 May 2010

A playful artist who created gigantic spider sculptures

Louise used art to cope with difficult memories. She made paintings, prints and sculptures for almost fifty years before becoming famous. Most of Louise's masterpieces were created when she was in her seventies, eighties and nineties.



## GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

Born: 15 November 1887, USA

Died: 6 March 1986

A trailblazing success

Georgia's landscapes and gigantic flowers were more than pretty pictures. She found a new way to paint nature. *Jimson Weed, White Flower No.1* was auctioned in 2014 for \$44.4 million, making it the most expensive artwork by a female artist.



## YAYOI KUSAMA

Born: 22 March 1929, Japan

An unpredictable artist

Yayoi became famous for her 'happenings' – surprising events that used sound, light and even the spectators themselves. Her art is always changing but often includes polka dots. She loves creating installations that turn entire rooms into works of art.



## MARIE CURIE

Born: 7 November 1867, Poland

Died: 4 July 1934

The first person to win two Nobel Prizes

Marie discovered the elements radium and polonium and invented the word 'radioactivity' to describe their strange properties. After sharing her discoveries with the world, Marie worked hard to make sure they were used to help people.



## ROSALIND FRANKLIN

Born: 25 July 1920, UK

Died: 16 April 1958

The chemist who unlocked the secret of life

Rosalind was skilled at taking X-ray photographs of things our eyes cannot see. Her most famous photograph helped reveal the structure of DNA. This discovery helped us to understand life in a new way.



## ELIZABETH BLACKWELL

Born: 3 February 1821, UK

Died: 21 May 1910

The first women to qualify as a doctor

Elizabeth overcame huge obstacles to get a medical degree and train as a doctor. She set up the first hospital run by women, and a medical school to help other girls follow in her footsteps.



## ADA LOVELACE

Born: 10 December 1815, UK

Died: 27 November 1852

The mother of modern computing

Ada was a talented mathematician. She was fascinated by the calculating machines of the 1800s, and the maths behind them. Ada realised that one day 'computers' would be able to do much more than work out long sums.



## MALALA YOUSAFZAI

Born: 12 July 1997, Pakistan  
 The youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize  
 As a schoolgirl, Malala spoke out about every girl's right to education. Taliban militants tried to silence Malala by shooting her. But Malala recovered, and took her brave campaign worldwide.



## EMMELINE PANKHURST

Born: 15 July 1858, UK  
 Died: 14 June 1928  
 A suffragette leader  
 The suffragettes carried out demonstrations and hunger strikes and even broke the law in their fight for a woman's right to vote. Emmeline was arrested many times. She lived to see the law changed to give women equal voting rights with men.



## ELLEN PAGE

Born: 21 February 1987, Canada  
 An actor who speaks out for social justice  
 Ellen played her first TV role when she was 10 and won her first Oscar nomination at 20. Since coming out as gay, she has spoken out for the right of everyone to be treated equally and to be themselves.



## ROSA PARKS

Born: 4 February 1913, USA  
 Died: 24 October 2005  
 The mother of the modern US civil rights movement  
 Rosa was arrested in 1955, after refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. Her brave action led to similar non-violent protests across the United States, demanding equal rights for African Americans.



## J.K. ROWLING

Born: 31 July 1965, UK

A record-breaking author

Joanne was working as a teacher when she wrote a book about a boy who finds out he is a wizard. *Harry Potter* became the best-selling book series ever, with more than 400 million copies sold in 68 languages.



## JANE AUSTEN

Born: 16 December 1775, UK

Died: 18 July 1817

The 19th-century author, now honoured on the £10 note. Jane created stories and characters so realistic and entertaining that they are still popular 200 years later. Her six novels, including *Pride and Prejudice*, have inspired many other books, films, plays and TV programmes.



## TONI MORRISON

Born: 18 February 1931, USA

The first African-American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature

Toni writes powerful stories that explore African-American lives and history. She tells young writers, 'If there is a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, you must be the one to write it.'



## CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE

Born: 15 September 1977, Nigeria

A novelist and feminist

Chimamanda's novels have won dozens of awards, and are published in more than 30 languages. She also writes and speaks about feminism and how we can all help to create a fairer world for women and men.





## AMELIA EARHART

Born: 24 July 1897, USA

Disappeared: 2 July 1937

The first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic

Her daring flights made Amelia a global celebrity. She showed women that they could do anything. Amelia became even more famous after mysteriously disappearing while trying to fly around the world.



## VALENTINA TERESHKOVA

Born: 6 March 1937, Russia

The first woman in space

Valentina's skydiving skills won her the job of first female cosmonaut. In 1963, she spent almost three days in orbit, zooming around Earth 48 times. She parachuted back to Earth as a national hero.



## SALLY RIDE

Born: 26 May 1951, USA

Died: 23 July 2012

The youngest American astronaut in space

After seeing an advert in a student newspaper, Sally joined NASA in 1978. She went on her first mission in 1983, making her both the first American woman to travel to space and the youngest American astronaut ever, at only 31 years old.



## JACQUELINE COCHRAN

Born: 11 May 1906, USA

Died: 9 August 1980

The first woman to break the sound barrier

Jacqueline overcame poverty to start a successful cosmetics business and become a pilot. She was the first woman to fly faster than the speed of sound. She also trained female military pilots around the world.





## SERENA WILLIAMS

Born: 26 September 1981, USA

A top tennis player

Serena was 20 when she became the world's top ranked female tennis player for the first time. Since then, she has won more Grand Slam titles than any current player. She also has four Olympic gold medals.



## KATIE LEDECKY

Born: 17 March 1997, USA

The best female swimmer in history

Katie took part in her first Olympics at 15 years old, walking away with a gold medal in the 800-metre freestyle. Since then she has already won four more Olympic gold medals and 14 World Championship titles.



## LAURA KENNY

Born: 24 April 1992, UK

The most successful female British Olympian

Laura began cycling to help with her asthma. She quickly became a track and road star, and the first British female athlete to win four Olympic gold medals. She also holds many World Championship medals.



## SIMONE BILES

Born: 14 March 1997, USA

A superstar gymnast

Simone wowed the world by winning four gold medals at the 2016 Olympics – the most ever won by a female gymnast at a single Olympic games. She has even invented her own gravity-defying move, named 'The Biles'.





## JEANNE BARÉ

Born: 27 July 1740, France

Died: 5 August 1807

The first woman to travel around the world

Jeanne disguised herself as a man to get a job on a French ship that was off to explore the world. When she returned many years later, Jeanne was awarded a government pension for her bravery.



## GERTRUDE BELL

Born: 14 July 1868, UK

Died: 12 July 1926

The Queen of the Desert

Gertrude travelled deep into the mountains and deserts of Arabia. She got to know the area so well that she was asked to help set up the state of Iraq. She also founded Iraq's first museum.



## NELLIE BLY

Born: 5 May 1864, USA

Died: 27 January 1922

A journalist and adventurer

In 1889, slow-moving ships were the only way to cross oceans.

Journalist Nellie set out to discover if it was possible to travel around the world in 80 days. She set a world record by completing the journey in 72 days.



## ALOHA WANDERWELL

Born: 13 October 1906, Canada

Died: 4 June 1996

The first woman to drive around the world

Aloha was just 16 when she joined her first expedition, driving through 43 countries over seven years. She visited places where there was no guidebook, recording her adventures and experiences on film.



## HOW TO PLAY

Wonder Women is a game for 2-5 players. The aim is to collect sets of four cards (a wonder women family) by asking for them from other players.

Shuffle the cards and deal five cards to each player. Place the rest of the cards face down in the middle. The player to the left of the dealer begins by asking any other player if they have a card from a particular family. The player asking must already have at least one card from that family. If the player being asked has a card or cards from that family, they must give them to the player who has asked. The player who asks can then move to another player and ask for cards of the same family. When a player collects all four cards of a family, they should be placed face down in front of that player. The player can then ask for cards from another family.

If the player asked has no cards from that family, the player making the request must take a card from the middle. If the card is from the family that they asked for, the player receives another turn. If not, the turn moves on to the next player (clockwise direction). If a player runs out of cards, they are out of the game. The game ends when none of the players have any cards in their hand or the pile in the middle runs out. The winner is the player who has collected the most sets of wonder women families by the end of the game.

