

Historical Figures List

* You can NOT research the same person as your 5th Grade president or first lady project. You can NOT research the saint for your Confirmation project. If you are interested in researching someone not on this list please see me for approval.

Jesus

Fr. Edward Flanagan- Irish Priest; founded Boys Town

Martin Luther King, Jr.- American Civil Rights activist for African Americans

George Washington- First President of the United States

Harriet Tubman- African American abolitionist during the Civil War

William Penn- Early Quaker and founder of Pennsylvania

Charles Lindbergh- American aviator, author, inventor, and explorer

Thomas Jefferson- American founding father, author of the Declaration, and U.S. President

John F. Kennedy- 35th President of the United States

Ronald Reagan- American actor and 40th president of the U.S.

Nelson Mandela- Fought for rights in South Africa; President of South Africa

Mahatma Gandhi- Leader of Indian independence movement

Winston Churchill- Prime Minister of United Kingdom during World War II

Eleanor Roosevelt- Longest-serving First Lady of the U.S.

Franklin D. Roosevelt- 32nd President of the U.S.; served during the Great Depression and WWII

Pope Saint John Paul II

Pope Francis

Pope John XXIII

Princess Diana of Wales- Princess and social activist

Anne Frank- Writer and Holocaust Victim

Mother Teresa- Catholic religious sister and missionary

Bill Wilson- Co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous

Rosa Parks- African American Civil Rights Activist

Louisa May Alcott- American Novelist

Antoinette Blackwell- First woman to be ordained as a protestant minister in the U.S.

Susan B Anthony- American who fought for women's rights and social equality

Matthew Brady- One of the first American photographers

Maya Angelou- American author, poet, dancer, actress and singer

Rachel Carson- American marine biologist and conservationist

Catherine McAuley- Irish nun who founded the Sisters of Mercy

Mark Twain- American Author

Leonardo da Vinci- Italian painter, sculptor, architect, musician, mathematician, engineer, inventor, etc.

Jane Austen- English novelist

Dwight Eisenhower- 34th President of the U.S. and a 5 star general during WWII

Queen Elizabeth I- Queen of England and Ireland; daughter of Henry VIII and last monarch of the Tudor Dynasty

Queen Elizabeth II- Current Queen of United Kingdom and 15 other commonwealths

Benjamin Franklin- Founding father; author, printer, politician, scientist, inventor, etc.

Galileo Galilei- Italian physicist, mathematician, engineer, astronomer, and philosopher

Michelangelo- Italian sculptor, painter, architect, poet, and engineer

Florence Nightingale- English social reformer and founder of modern nursing

Woodrow Wilson- 28th President; only president to hold a Ph.D.

Dalai Lama (Current: Tenzin Gyatso)- Head monk of Tibetan Buddhism; Nobel Peace Prize recipient

Ludwig van Beethoven- German composer and pianist
Guglielmo Marconi- Italian inventor and engineer; radio development
Neil Armstrong- American Astronaut and first person to walk on the moon
Benazir Bhutto- Pakistani Politician and 11th Prime Minister in Pakistan
Marie Curie- Polish physicist and chemist
Amelia Earhart- American aviator and first female to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean
Martin Luther- German Catholic Monk that led the Protestant Reformation (Break with the Catholic Church)
Chief Sitting Bull- Lakota Tribe chief
Walt Whitman- American poet, essayist, and journalist
William Lloyd Garrison- American abolitionist, journalist, suffragist, and social reformer
Cleopatra- Egyptian queen
Jane Addams- Social and political activist for women
Thurgood Marshall- First African American Justice on the Supreme Court
Booker T. Washington- African American educator, author orator, and advisor to presidents of the United States
Dorothea Lange- American photographer; best known for her Great Depression Era work
Elie Wiesel- Author and Holocaust survivor
Charlemagne (Charles the Great)- King of the Franks during the Middle Ages
Ida B. Wells- African American journalist, newspaper editor, women's rights fighter in the Civil Rights movement
Archbishop Oscar Romero- Bishop who spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations and torture
Sr. Helen Prejean- Catholic Nun; advocate against the death penalty and ministers to those on death row
Jesse Owens- African American track and field athlete; Olympic Gold medalist
Margaret Thatcher- Prime Minister of United Kingdom 1979-1990
Florence Kelley- Fought against sweatshops, child labor, and for better work conditions
Millard Fuller- President and founder of Habitat for Humanity
Maximilian Kolbe- Franciscan Friar who volunteered to die in place of a stranger during the Holocaust
Abraham Lincoln- Lawyer and 16th President
Bessie Coleman- First African American female pilot
Juliette Gordon Low- Founder of Girl Scouts of the USA
The Wright Brothers- Brothers, inventors, and aviation pioneers
Cesar Chavez- American farm worker and civil rights activist
Andrew Carnegie- Scottish American industrialist who was a leader in the steel industry
Billie Holiday- African American jazz singer, songwriter, and actress
George W. Bush- President during the attacks on 9/11
Harry S. Truman- 33rd President of the U.S.; responsibly for making the decision to drop the atomic bomb in WWII
Tsar Nicholas II- Last Emperor of Russia; assassinated with his whole family
Catherine II of Russia- Longest ruling female of Russia
Jane Goodall- English woman who studied chimpanzees and protected conservation of animals
Golda Meir- Israeli teacher, politician, and Prime Minister of Israel
Albert Einstein- German physicist
Aristotle- Greek Philosopher and scientist
Saint Joan of Arc- Led the French Army to victory; burned at the stake as a heretic
Sally Ride- American astronaut; first American female in space
Harriet Beecher Stowe- Author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and American abolitionist
Indira Gandhi- Only woman to hold office of Prime Minister in India; assassinated
Malala Yousafzai- Pakistani activist for female rights and education; youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize

Oskar Schindler- Credited with saving the lives of 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust

Irena Sendler- Polish nurse who smuggled 2,500 Jewish Children out of the ghettos during the Holocaust

Queen Victoria- Queen of the United Kingdom; longest reigning British monarch in history

Theodore Roosevelt- American politician, author, soldier, and 26th President

Thomas Edison- American inventor and businessman

Louis Pasteur- French chemist known for his discovery of vaccination

Sir Isaac Newton- English physicist and mathematician

William Shakespeare- English poet, playwright, and actor; regarded as the greatest writer in the English language

Saint Paul the Apostle- Considered one of the most important figures because of his contribution to spreading Christianity

Rudy Giuliani- Former mayor of New York City; during September 11th terrorist attacks

Walt Disney-