

## Civil Rights & Social Justice

- **Harriet Tubman** – Led enslaved people to freedom via the Underground Railroad
  - **Sojourner Truth** – Abolitionist and women's rights advocate
  - **Frederick Douglass** – Former enslaved person who became a leading abolitionist
  - **Ella Baker** – Organizer in the civil rights movement
  - **Thurgood Marshall** – First Black U.S. Supreme Court Justice
  - **Marsha P. Johnson** – Activist in the LGBTQ+ rights movement
  - **Bayard Rustin** – Organizer of the March on Washington
  - **Angela Davis** – Scholar and activist for prison reform and civil rights
  - **Desmond Tutu** – South African anti-apartheid leader
  - **Ruby Bridges** – First Black child to integrate a white elementary school in the South
  - **Martin Luther King Jr.** – Leader of the American civil rights movement
  - **Malala Yousafzai** – Advocate for girls' education and youngest Nobel Prize laureate
  - **Cesar Chavez** – Fought for farmworker rights
  - **Dolores Huerta** – Co-founder of the United Farm Workers, civil rights activist
  - **Claudette Colvin** – Teen who refused to give up her seat before Rosa Parks
  - **Bryan Stevenson** – Lawyer and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative
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## Environmental Activism & Science

- **Greta Thunberg** – Teen climate activist
  - **Wangari Maathai** – Started the Green Belt Movement in Kenya
  - **Jane Goodall** – Conservationist and expert on chimpanzees
  - **Rachel Carson** – Author of *Silent Spring*, helped launch the environmental movement
  - **David Attenborough** – Natural historian and documentary narrator
  - **Jane Fonda** – Actress and climate activist
  - **Boyan Slat** – Inventor working to clean plastic from the oceans
  - **Autumn Peltier** – Canadian teen advocating for clean water rights
  - **Xiuhtezcatl Martinez** – Indigenous environmental activist and hip-hop artist
  - **Van Jones** – Environmental justice advocate
  - **Isatou Ceesay** – Recycling innovator in The Gambia
  - **Jamie Margolin** – Youth climate activist and co-founder of Zero Hour
  - **Steve Irwin** – Wildlife conservationist
  - **Sylvia Earle** – Oceanographer and explorer
  - **Katherine Johnson** – NASA mathematician who helped send astronauts to space
  - **Mae Jemison** – First Black woman in space
  - **Temple Grandin** – Scientist and advocate for autism awareness
  - **Markus Persson (Notch)** – Creator of Minecraft (change agent in gaming and creativity)
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## Government & Leadership

- **Eleanor Roosevelt** – Advocate for human rights, First Lady
  - **Barack Obama** – First Black U.S. President
  - **Hillary Clinton** – Politician and advocate for women and children
  - **Nelson Mandela** – Ended apartheid in South Africa
  - **Kamala Harris** – First female Vice President of the U.S.
  - **Shirley Chisholm** – First Black woman elected to U.S. Congress
  - **John F. Kennedy** – Known for civil rights leadership and space race progress
  - **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC)** – Young congresswoman known for activism
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## Education & Thought Leaders

- **Maria Montessori** – Revolutionized early childhood education
  - **Fred Rogers** – Educator and host of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*
  - **Booker T. Washington** – Founded Tuskegee Institute
  - **Mary McLeod Bethune** – Advocate for education and civil rights
  - **Anne Sullivan** – Teacher of Helen Keller
  - **Helen Keller** – Advocate for people with disabilities
  - **Sal Khan** – Founder of Khan Academy
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## Arts, Media, and Literature

- **Lin-Manuel Miranda** – Creator of *Hamilton*, known for cultural representation
  - **Langston Hughes** – Harlem Renaissance poet
  - **Maya Angelou** – Poet and author of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
  - **Octavia Butler** – Pioneering Black science fiction writer
  - **Viola Davis** – Actor and advocate for representation in media
  - **George Takei** – Actor and advocate for justice, internment survivor
  - **Laverne Cox** – Actress and transgender rights advocate
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## Innovation & Technology

- **Steve Jobs** – Co-founder of Apple
- **Bill Gates** – Co-founder of Microsoft, philanthropist
- **Grace Hopper** – Computer scientist and Navy rear admiral
- **Tim Berners-Lee** – Inventor of the World Wide Web
- **Gitanjali Rao** – Teen scientist and inventor

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## Sports & Social Change

- **Muhammad Ali** – Boxer and outspoken activist
- **LeBron James** – NBA player and education advocate
- **Megan Rapinoe** – Soccer player and LGBTQ+ advocate
- **Allyson Felix** – Olympian and advocate for maternal health
- **Naomi Osaka** – Tennis star speaking out on mental health
- **Jackie Robinson** – Broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball
- **Simone Biles** – Champion gymnast and mental health advocate
- **Colin Kaepernick** – Took a knee during the national anthem to protest police brutality
- **Billie Jean King** – Fought for gender equality in sports