

Martin Luther King

An American clergyman, activist and prominent leader in the African-American civil rights movement.

His passionate, but non violent protests, helped to raise awareness of racial inequalities in America, leading to significant political change. He captured the imagination and hearts of people, both black and white.



Winston Churchill

A British politician best known for his leadership of the United Kingdom during World War II.

He served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955. At various times a soldier, author and politician, he is generally regarded as one of the most important leaders in modern British and world history.



Barack Obama

The first black President of the USA. He has ushered in a new era in American politics and society. Many saw his election as a turning point in America's long turbulent troubles regarding race.

He is the 44th President of the United States, inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009.



Richard Branson

An English industrialist and entrepreneur.

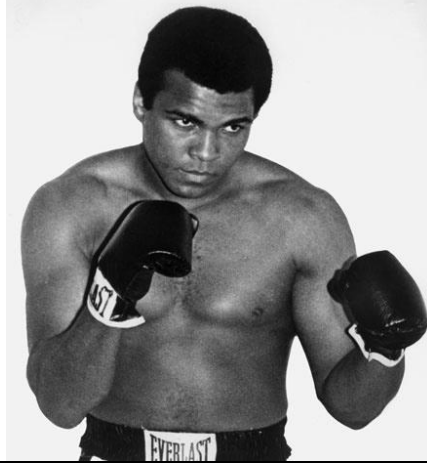
His first successful business venture was at age 16, when he published a magazine called *Student*. He then set up an audio record mail-order business in 1970. His Virgin brand has now developed to include over 360 companies.



Mother Teresa

An Albanian Roman Catholic nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India in 1950.

For over 45 years she ministered to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying, while guiding the Missionaries of Charity's expansion, first throughout India and then in other countries.



Mohammed Ali

Born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. he is a retired American boxer and three-time World Heavyweight Champion.

As an amateur, he won a gold medal in the light heavyweight division at the 1960 Summer Olympics. As a professional, he became the first man to win the lineal heavyweight championship.



Steve Redgrave

An English rower who won gold medals at five consecutive Olympic Games from 1984 to 2000. He has also won three Commonwealth Games gold medals and nine World Rowing Championships gold medals.

These achievements have led to him being hailed as Britain's greatest Olympian.



Margaret Thatcher

Britain's first female prime minister, serving three consecutive terms in office.

Now retired, she was the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990 and Leader of the Conservative Party from 1975 to 1990. She is the only woman to have held either post.