

Significant British People

Who is this?



**Ottobah
Cugoana**

What was he famous for?

- Anti-slavery (abolitionist) in late 18th century
- published leaflet in 1787
- worked with 'Sons of Africa' group

What happened when he was 13?

Sold into slavery – West Indies plantations.

Why was he baptised?

- To stop him being sold as a slave again
- Age 16, baptised as 'John Stuart – a Black'

Who did he work for?

Servant for Richard and Maria Cosway
(Parties with Prince of Wales/ leading figures)

Born where?

Ghana

Who brought him to England?

Alexander Campbell

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Sir Winston Churchill

What was he famous for?

Prime Minister during the Second World War - one of the most famous Britons of the 20th Century – inspirational speeches.

Why was he important?

Symbol of the Britain's spirit and determination throughout the war.

Was everything always easy for him?

No. For most of his life, Churchill suffered from depression - his 'Black Dog'.

What else did he do?

Churchill loved to paint - over 500 works. Awarded Nobel Prize in Literature in 1953.

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Alan Turing

What was he famous for?

Designed and built a machine to crack the Enigma Code – shortened World War II and saved many lives.

Why else was he important?

The father of computer science and artificial intelligence.

Was everything always easy for him?

No. He was arrested in 1952 for being gay – chose to take hormones not go to jail – died in 1954 (age 42).

What happened in 2013?

The Queen granted him a pardon and the Prime Minister offered official public apology.

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**Sir Ernest
Shackleton**

What was he famous for?

Polar Exploration. Rescuing crew on Antarctic (South Pole) expedition after their ship sank - heroic journey - bravery and leadership.

What was the ship called?

The Endurance

What island were the crew stranded on?

Elephant Island

What had he planned to do?

Walk across the Antarctic and South Pole – this was not achieved for another 75 years!

When was this?

1914 to 1915 - 15 months (World War I) - Roald Amundsen was first to reach South Pole in 1912

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**Queen
Elizabeth I**

What was she famous for?

Queen of England, Ireland and Wales
from 1558 to 1603

Why was this important?

It was unusual to be ruled by a woman at
that time – she ruled for 45 years.

What was her reign known as?

Elizabethan Age - the Golden Age

What happened during her reign?

She proved women could rule as well as men

World exploration - Sir Francis Drake, Sir Walter Raleigh

Won famous sea battle against Spanish Armada

Who was her father?

King Henry VIII – mother was Anne Boleyn

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**Queen
Elizabeth
II**

What was she famous for?

**Longest reigning monarch of Britain
from 1952 to 2022 (70 years)**

How old when she became Queen?
25 years old.

What was the Platinum Jubilee?

Celebration of her 70 years on the throne

What did she oversee during her reign?

**Change from Empire to Commonwealth –
giving countries their independence from
British rule.**

Who was she married to?

Prince Phillip

What did she love?

Horse racing

What did she do during World War II?

British Army – drove trucks and was a mechanic